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Province to foot the bill for tuition freeze

Education. Minister calls
meeting with presidents
of province's 26 post-
secondary institutions
'win-win-win'



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Students at the province's post-secondary institutions will not face a fall tuition increase or even an inflationary adjustment, the minister of advanced education said Thursday.

The money schools were expecting to take in from students via the annual inflationary adjustment — estimated by the province to be around \$16 million for all 26 schools — will instead be

made up by the province.

"The department has funds set aside for purposes like these that we're going to use to make up that short-fall," said Eldon McIlwain, a spokesperson for advanced education minister Thomas Lukaszuk.

The news that the province would foot the bill for the inflationary adjustment came after Lukaszuk spent Thursday meeting with the presidents of Alberta's post-secondary institutions.

Following the lengthy meeting, a smiling Lukaszuk said it was a "win-win-win across the board."

"(It's) a great day for students," Lukaszuk said.

In addition to agreeing that there would be no tuition increase for students or inflationary adjustment, Lukaszuk said all presidents

agreed to urge students' unions not to increase their annual fees.

Collaboration between all schools was discussed in-depth at Thursday's meeting and from now on the presidents of the province's 26 post-secondary institutions, as well as representatives of student bodies, will be meeting with Lukaszuk quarterly.

Indira Samarasekera, president of the University of Alberta, said Thursday's meeting was, "The first step in a win-win-win."

Samarasekera said the cooperation and commitment from all post-secondary leaders to work with each other and the ministry was encouraging.

"Ultimately what we all care about is the students and I think that's what came out of today," she said.



Following a meeting with the presidents of the province's 26 post-secondary institutions on Thursday, Thomas Lukaszuk, minister of advanced education, said Alberta's students can look forward to a complete tuition freeze.
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A conceptual drawing of the downtown Edmonton arena. The project still needs \$55 million in provincial cash, which the government said again on Thursday it won't provide. CONTRIBUTED

Province maintains that there's no new arena cash

Council. MSI funding cuts down shortfall, but city still needs \$55M



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While the ask is smaller, the provincial government continues to insist there is no new money for the downtown arena.

Municipal Affairs Minister Doug Griffiths repeated the government's long-standing position that Edmonton can use its Municipal Sustaina-

Back on the table

City councillors are set to consider the arena again on April 24. According to the current timetable, construction would start in 2014 with the building opening in time for the 2016 NHL season.

bility Initiative (MSI) funding for the project, but there will be no additional money.

"We are going to continue to support municipalities through MSI and that is the perfect place that allows municipalities to make the deci-

sions they need to make," he said.

On Wednesday, city councillors used an unexpected increase in MSI dollars to fund \$45 million of the arena project, leaving a \$55-million shortfall. The city had originally hoped to receive \$100 million from the province.

Griffiths said the city's decision to use the MSI funding is its decision, but he does not expect more MSI money to be announced this year.

"It will be done when the budget is presented in 2014."

Mayor Stephen Mandel said he would wait for a more formal response from

the province on the issue.

"I am not going to speak to what the province will or won't do," he said. "We will make comments when the province goes through their process."

Jim Taylor, executive director of the Downtown Businesses Association, said despite the funding issue he is confident the project will get done.

He said the arena has been incrementally moving toward construction and is now rolling downhill.

"Somewhere about five or six months ago we had taken so many steps that this arena was inevitable," he said.

Keystone XL

Redford stands by vigorous pipeline campaigning

Premier Alison Redford said she's not worried that her frequent trips to Washington, D.C., to promote the Keystone XL oil pipeline will create an overexposure problem with the American public.

Redford has visited Washington four times since she became premier 18 months ago. She has attracted the attention of anti-Keystone protesters, including some who repeatedly interrupted her speech to the Brookings Institution last week.

"The challenge is to make sure that your story is heard," Redford told reporters prior to her annual leader's dinner in Calgary on Thursday.

"If you are lucky enough to be one of those people where your story is heard too much and no one wants to hear from you anymore, then you've just done an excellent job."

Redford said there are key discussions in committee rooms at both the Congressional and Senate levels regarding Keystone XL and it is essential to keep Alberta's message front and centre.

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Students raise money to replace guns with pens

Torches of Hope.

Touched by a former child soldier's presentation, students on mission to help



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When former child soldier Kuol Monydhar spoke to a Grade 10 class at McNally High School last year, his story left a lasting impression on some of the students.

Monydhar described to the teenagers his childhood in war-torn Sudan. He showed them video footage of a makeshift school he created in Sudan that strives to disarm children.

"Instead of carrying guns, these kids should be carrying pens and go to school," Monydhar said.

A stick fence surrounds the makeshift school, which lies under some trees, and is funded by Monydhar, a University of Alberta political science student.

After listening to Monydhar's presentation, high school students Zoya Hussain, Sairah Thomas and Sera Sajeew knew they wanted to

Learning experience

- Zoya Hussain, Sairah Thomas and Sera Sajeew said their extracurricular project to raise money for Sudan has taught them everything from moviemaking skills to time management.
- Kuol Monydhar said many children in Sudan are not able to go to school because the buildings were destroyed during the war.
- When Monydhar created the makeshift school in 2011 there were 60 students. Today, there are more than 200.

help him.

"It was shocking to see that kids our age, instead of walking around with backpacks, they have AK47s. Not just one, maybe even two or three strapped to them," Thomas said.

"When we came to know how people our age and younger are in Sudan with no education ... you really want to do something about it," Hussain said.

The girls decided to start



High school students Zoya Hussain, left, Sairah Thomas and Sera Sajeew show off the T-shirts and awareness bracelets they've created to raise money to disarm children in Sudan. ANNALISE KLINGBEIL/METRO

an organization to raise money for Monydhar's cause. After narrowing down dozens of possible names for their new group, an English teacher helped the students settle on Torches of Hope.

"We want hope for the children in other parts of the world," Hussain said. "And torches is like light, so light and hope."

The girls designed a logo, created a video and ordered T-shirts and awareness bracelets.

In March, they collected money at a basketball game they organized between students and a college team. They plan to have a booth at a youth conference in May and have been asked to speak at a local church.

Through Torches of Hope, the teenagers have raised hundreds of dollars for Monydhar. He plans to use the money to bring books and supplies to the school under the trees when he visits Sudan in June.

"I really appreciate what they're doing," Monydhar said. "They're amazing and very, very caring kids."

Social studies teacher Robert Gardner, who invited Monydhar to speak to his students last year, said it's been a lot of fun to watch Hussain, Thomas and Sajeew raise awareness and money for a worthwhile cause.

"When you're doing something purposeful like this, it gathers its own momentum," he said.

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"Instead of carrying guns, these kids should be carrying pens and go to school."

Former child soldier Kuol Monydhar

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THIS CUT IS A 'STEP' IN THE WRONG DIRECTION



FOOTNOTES
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This week, as Alberta students stain their pajama bottoms with Red Bull and trade personal hygiene for optimum studying, they can add yet another item to their list of anxieties: Will I have a summer job?

For the 2,400 students who might have depended on the provincial Summer Temporary Employment Program, the odds just got slimmer. In the 2013 budget, the 40-year-old program was struck, with the same disregard my English prof had for adverbs.

The \$7.1-million program helped charities, municipalities and other non-profits create extra projects with a \$7 an hour subsidy for each summer employee, so long as they worked full time for at least six weeks and got minimum wage or more.

These aren't exactly well-paying jobs, but they were enough to entice some students from twisting beer caps

until 2 a.m. However, according to Greg Kuzniuk of Human Resources, "(STEP didn't) develop an individual's skills or work-force readiness, or enhance their careers longer term."

Who, exactly, determines how long-term skills develop or even what long-term skills are? These summer jobs are as diverse as the college guidebook, ranging from helping to compile demographic reports for the Grande Prairie Community Foundation to peddling condoms at Big Valley Jamboree (where they're seriously needed) on behalf of Option Sexual Health.

Todd Janes isn't sure how these life skills are measured, either. As executive director of Latitude 53 Gallery, he's hired a few STEP students to staff positions. In turn, they've gone on to land jobs in museums and galleries across Canada.

Kuzniuk points out that there are many other summer jobs available to students and that Alberta youth unemployment is nearly half the national average. It's a fair point, but how many of them are in the non-profit sector? And of them,

how many can compete with the wages of private industry?

Seven dollars an hour may not sound like a lot — and for some STEP beneficiaries, it wasn't. The City of Edmonton,

pinch above minimum wage to work its Queer Camp Outs, a fun retreat that helps LGBT children develop leadership skills and get comfortable with their identities.

Service jobs OK as far as they go, but STEP jobs were diverse

These aren't exactly well-paying jobs, but they were enough to entice some students from twisting beer caps until 2 a.m.

for example, received the lion's share: \$275,000 for 350 people to run the Green Shack. This roving crafts and games program will live on, thanks to community leagues or groups that stepped up.

But for smaller agencies, such as the Pride Centre, \$7 an hour is huge.

The approximate \$4,000 it received from STEP would amount to almost 2 per cent of its operating budget. To boot, the Community Spirit grant program, also cut in 2013, accounted for about 10 per cent of its operating budget.

This is money that helped pay three summer students a

Executive director Mickey Wilson says Pride may now have to rely on volunteers, which means the program could suffer. "You can't train them the way you'd train full-time people."

But, above all, it's a disincentive to apply.

For 40 years, STEP was often the first introduction to a sector students wouldn't have otherwise thought to pursue. And just as governments have budgets, loans and debts, so do students.

By suspending STEP, Alberta may have also deterred the next generation of executive directors and philanthropists.

Failure to agree

Province staying out of regional board: Griffiths

Municipal Affairs Minister Doug Griffiths told members of the Capital Region Board to stay the course on Thursday, despite concerns the board is becoming dysfunctional.

In his State of the City address this month, Edmonton Mayor Stephen Mandel said the board was not doing enough to move the region forward.

"We agree on things that are irrelevant, that have no impact on anything, but when things have some impact there is still no agreement," Mandel said on Thursday.

Griffiths said he has no plans to interfere. "They need to work that out among themselves because if I do it, they won't have buy-in," he said.

Mandel said the province has to get involved, because these issues won't be resolved without it.

"That's why we are in the problem we are right now." **RYAN TUMILTY/METRO**

Hot demand for free cards 'wonderful', library says

Edmonton Public Library. More than 19,000 renewals and 9,000 new cards issued in past month



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Many Edmontonians are now calling themselves information ninjas, while others are claiming to be smart and happy.

These are some of the sayings on Edmonton Public Library cards, which have been free since the institution's 100th birthday on March 13.

One month ago Saturday, the library launched a year-long initiative it hopes to extend should enough funds be raised, and nearly 30,000 people have taken it up on its offer so far.

"As of this morning, we've had over 19,000 people renew their library cards and we've given out almost 9,000 new cards," Vicky Varga, associate manager of circulation and



The EPL's Vicky Varga shows off the various library cards on offer, for free.
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interlibrary loans services, said on Thursday. "So this equates to about three times what we would have seen previous to the free cards."

Along with signing people up for free cards at branches, there are pop-up membership drives.

Library staff will be at the Mom, Pop & Tots Fair this weekend at the Edmonton Expo Centre, at Southgate Mall on April 20 and Commerce Place on

April 30. In May, people will be able to sign up for cards at Century Park and Clareview LRT stations, as well as the Telus building, Bell Tower, Kingsway Mall, City Market Downtown and Edmonton International Airport.

"We're just really happy that our birthday is resonating with Edmontonians, and that they're celebrating it with us this year," Varga said. "It's wonderful to see."



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Buddy, left, and Maddy went missing on Dec. 29. The owners are still holding out hope that they will return home, but are organizing an event to raise awareness about missing pets in the meantime. CARMEL BAIRD/CONTRIBUTED

Lost pair of pooches inspire owner to start awareness day

Missing Mutts.

Carmel Baird says few know what to do when they spot missing pets



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It's been over three months since Carmel Baird last saw her dogs, Buddy and Maddy.

The family sought out trackers and psychics and posted signs all over the city advertising a \$4,000 reward. The dogs have yet to be found, though tips are still coming in and the family refuses to give up hope.

In the meantime, Baird has teamed up with family, friends and volunteers to put on Missing Mutts Awareness Day.

The event, slated for June 15, aims to bring awareness to missing pets and raise funds to enable their owners to take out advertisements.

"The biggest reason is how the calls were coming in and weren't coming in with regards to Buddy and Maddy," said Baird.

Some people would call days after spotting lost dogs, saying they didn't want the owners to get a fine or have animal control put them down, or that they thought someone else would call.

While there is plenty of education regarding micro-chipping pets and getting them fixed, Baird said more is needed when dealing with lost pets.

According to the city, those who find a lost pet should call 311, which will connect them to Animal Care & Control.

Event details

- Where to go.**
Missing Mutts will take place at 2222 137th Avenue in northeast Edmonton. Look for a map at missingmutts-awareness.com.
- What you'll learn.**
The event will provide information about how to report a lost pet, as well as activities such as agility events and an all-breed dog show.
- Who'll be there.**
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Jasper Ave. Construction wraps up on north side



Project manager Nate Stelmach and Downtown Business Association executive director Jim Taylor, with a rendering of the finished street. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

Jasper Avenue businesses will get some long-awaited relief next week as construction shifts over and sidewalks on the north side open.

Josh Wickard, with the Underground Tap and Grill, is overjoyed that the construction is coming to an end. He said it has been hard to attract customers with all of their signs blocked, and that the bar itself is difficult to find.

Jim Taylor, executive director of the Downtown Business Association, said the upgrades, including wider sidewalks and better lighting, are going to be worth the wait.

"This is going to be one of the most modern boulevards in Canada and it is going to be very walkable and exciting."

The project was originally supposed to allow for the re-opening of traffic in both directions over the winter, but that was abandoned after delays last year. Workers had to fight to get the project back on schedule.

Project manager Nate Stelmach said that, as it moves to the second phase, he is confident they will completely reopen the street in October.

"The south side is somewhat less technically complex, so I think we have a much better shot at completion."

Jasper Avenue will close completely between Friday at 7 p.m. and early Monday morning to move the project to the southern lanes.

RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

Complaint. Guards say new remand centre not safe for work

Alberta prison guards say a massive new remand centre set to open in Edmonton isn't safe to work in.

The Alberta Union of Provincial Employees says it has found five pages of design flaws after touring the facility, which will eventually hold up to 2,000 inmates.

The union says it is also not satisfied with some of the new procedures, which will see guards work much more closely with inmates.

Union president Guy Smith has asked the province to delay the transfer of the first batch of 800 inmates from the old remand centre until changes are made.

Smith said the union has also filed a formal occupational health and safety complaint with the government about the facility.

Alberta Justice said it is aware of the complaint and will work with the union to deal with safety concerns, but that the inmate transfers will go ahead this month as scheduled. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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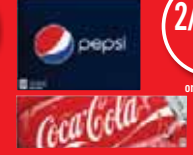
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5 local vendors slated for Make It! Edmonton

Make It! Edmonton returns this weekend to The Enjoy Centre in St. Albert, running Friday through Sunday. The popular independent art, fashion and craft extravaganza always has a lot to offer. Here are just a few of the 140 exhibitors known for making an appearance.

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Al Dixon Photography



Interested in picking up a professional photographic print? If so, there will be many photographers at Make It! Edmonton, including a local one.

Al Dixon, a landscape photographer from Stony Plain, loves to take advantage of what he calls a "nearly limitless supply of photographic options in my backyard." Wide open Canadian prairies, northern boreal forest and mighty Rocky Mountains can be seen online at aldixonphotography.com.

2K Design

Interested in picking up something for the baby? It seems anything can be handmade these days, and that proof will be evident at Make It! Edmonton.

Emma Abbott, of Onoway, offers handmade baby and mommy items through 2K Design. Items include things such as teething necklaces, pads for car seats, travel wipes, nursing covers, car seat canopy blankets and more, all of which can be seen online at etsy.com/shop/2kdesign.



Sabrina Butterfly Designs



Interested in locally designed and made clothing? There will be some at Make It! Edmonton, including from one local designer who has sourced her manufacturing out, but still designs the entire line and does all the cutting here in Edmonton.

Sabrina Butterfly O'Donnell is behind Sabrina Butterfly Designs, which is a shop located on 112 Avenue in the Highlands neighbourhood. View some of the collection at sabinabutterflydesigns.ca.

Fruits of Sherbrooke

Interested in fruit? Or better yet, pies, preserves and more? There will be things to eat at Make It! Edmonton, no matter the season.

Thanks to the fruit rescue program put on by the community of Sherbrooke here in Edmonton, a lot of fruit that grows on trees along the streets and in people's backyards is put to good use. The group not only offers eats, but also recipes and ideas for what to do with things like rhubarb. For more information, visit fruitsofsherbrooke.ca.



BangBang Bijoux



If you're interested in jewelry, Make It! Edmonton is the place to be this weekend. A variety of vendors will have many different offerings, and at least one of those vendors is local.

Edmontonian Rachel Bingham makes each piece she sells via BangBang Bijoux with discarded and vintage materials, such as recycled crystal, old clock parts, vintage brass and numerous found objects such as old coins, keys and hardware components. Visit bangbangbijoux.ca for a peek.

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The corpse flower at the Muttart Conservatory in Edmonton is shown in a City of Edmonton handout photo. Staff at the conservatory predict its corpse flower will open in two to three weeks. HANDOUT

Corpse flower bloom years in the making

Putrella. Flower to stink like rotting meat, but scent only lasts a day, so don't miss it

A giant plant is preparing to bloom in Edmonton, but visitors should be prepared to hold their noses.

Amorphophallus titanum, commonly known as the corpse flower, is expected to open in two to three weeks inside one of the city's landmark glass pyramids at the Muttart Conservatory.

Staff horticulturist Sarah Birmingham said the day the flower opens, it will emit a stench like dead bodies or rot-

ting meat.

The promised putrid smell has led staff to nickname their newest attraction Putrella, she said.

"I don't think it will assault your senses so much that it's going to make you physically nauseous, but you never know," Birmingham said with a smile.

The tropical plant is found in the wild in Sumatra, an island in Indonesia, but is also grown in greenhouses around the world. Each time it blooms, it's an event.

Another corpse flower bloomed this week in Miami and one opened last year in Niagara Falls, Ont. The Edmonton flower will be the first to bloom in Western Can-

ada, said Birmingham.

She said Putrella came from Boston last summer as a 125-kilogram tuber, the size of a tire, packed in dirt. In March, a bud cracked through the soil and last weekend staff became certain it would flower.

It can take years for the plant to develop a flower and the bud grows several metres tall before opening.

It's an amazing sight: a giant, purple-reddish bloom, like something out of the Little Shop of Horrors movie.

Birmingham said anyone who wants to see Putrella will have to hurry because its bloom will only last for a few days and its unforgettable scent will last for only one.

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Child killer deported

Denis says no more comment on McConnell case

Alberta's minister of justice won't comment on reports that a complaint is being filed against him with the Law Society of Alberta.

The CBC is reporting that the lawyer for Allyson McConnell intends to take this step over comments Jonathan Denis made. McConnell was deported to Australia this week after serving time for drowning her two young sons in 2010.

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Drug payout cuts .300 pharmacists, protesters rally in Edmonton

About 300 protesters, many of them pharmacists, rallied outside the Alberta legislature to demand the province re-think its plan to reduce payments for generic drugs.

They chanted "Patient care first!" as speakers accused Health Minister Fred Horne of embarking on an ill-advised plan that will lead to drug shortages.

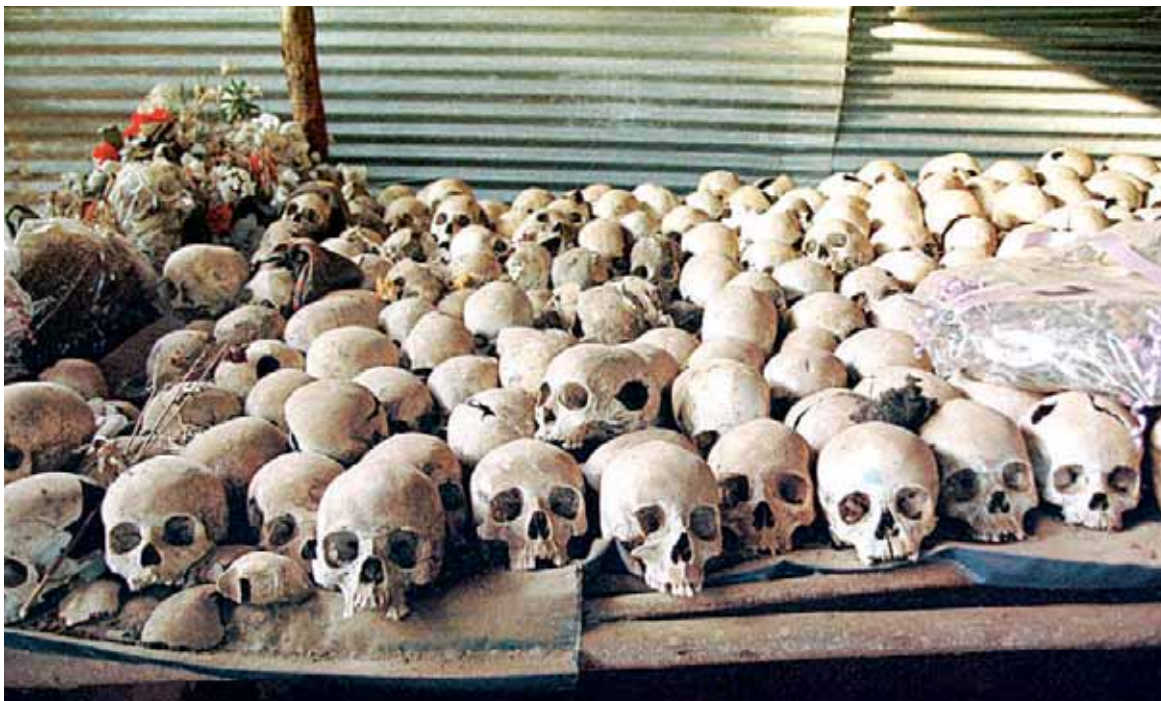
Opposition Wildrose Leader Danielle Smith and Raj Sherman of the Alberta Liber-

als told the cheering crowd they will continue to push the issue in the legislature.

It was one of many rallies planned around the province.

Horne has announced that the province will cut in half what it is currently paying for generic drugs.

The province rebates to pharmacists 35 per cent the cost of brand-name equivalent drugs, but is dropping that to 18 per cent as of next month. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Skulls lie on display at the Ntarama Genocide Memorial, which occupies a former Catholic church just south of Kigali, Rwanda. About 5,500 people were killed here during the April 1994 genocide after seeking refuge in the church. Hatebase tracks hate speech in the hope of preventing similar genocides. THOMAS SWIJC/KTHE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HATEBASE AIMS TO PREVENT GENOCIDE BY TRACKING HATE SPEECH



JESSICA SMITH
Metro in Toronto

A Toronto-based non-governmental organization is tracking the use of hate speech around the world, hoping to help stop genocide before it starts.

The Sentinel Project recently launched Hatebase, a wiki-style website that asks the public to contribute to a multilingual dictionary of hateful words and to log incidents in which those words are used.

The Hatebase API allows users — potentially governments and NGOs — to map out and chart localized spikes and trends in hate speech in real time.

Spikes in hate speech,

when combined with other knowledge about tensions in a region, can be an early warning sign of violence, or of violence escalating to genocide, said Timothy Quinn, an adviser with The Sentinel Project.

“When we start layering in hate speech, that gives us an indication — when it’s spiking over time — that tensions are rising,” he said.

For example, in Rwanda in the 1990s “inyenzi,” meaning “cockroach,” was a derogatory term for the Tutsi that escalated in use before the genocide, with radio announcers ultimately calling on people to exterminate the cockroach.

While the Sentinel Project focuses on preventing genocide, the upsurge in hateful

What’s in a word?

“Hate speech is really defined more by the intent than the word itself.”

Timothy Quinn, Sentinel Project

language can also indicate other violence that doesn’t necessarily amount to genocide.

“God knows, there’s a lot that can happen before then that certainly warrants monitoring and intervention,” Quinn said.

Defining hate speech, however, isn’t easy.

“Hate speech is really defined more by the intent than

the word itself,” Quinn said. “There are some words that might have a benign meaning in some contexts, but in other contexts have a very malignant intent.”

For example, without a deeper knowledge of the region, the use of “cockroach” in Rwanda in the ‘90s could be attributed to a cockroach infestation, instead of a brewing genocide.

The Hatebase dictionary is growing as more people with important knowledge about the world are beginning to use it, Quinn said.

“The spread of our users is global,” he said. “We’re starting to get a lot of very localized slurs, which we didn’t have before.”

Resolving issues with user-generated content

Relying on user-generated content isn’t without its problems, said Timothy Quinn, an adviser with the Sentinel Project. Hatebase has attracted some people with political agendas who have started arguing over words and definitions that likely have very little value for organizations

concerned about genocide.

“I’ve had a couple of Nazis that are pissed off at me. I’ve got a group of anti-feminists that are pissed off that we removed a word we didn’t think was hate speech,” Quinn said.

For example, some recent additions to the Hatebase wiki,

such as “patriarchy,” “cis male” and “white privilege,” are found in academic language commonly used in women’s studies. If those words were a sign of genocide, university campuses would be very scary places.

Fortunately, Hatebase can distinguish what inputs are rel-

evant and doesn’t bother with anything that doesn’t relate to an area of concern, Quinn said. “Some of it is meaningful and some of it is not. Funny enough, the stuff of dubious value is the stuff people fight about the most,” he said.

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Baird not sorry for meeting on disputed land

Jerusalem. Palestinian Liberation Organization fears minister has set a 'dangerous precedent'

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird says he did not cross a line by holding a meeting with Israel's justice minister in her East Jerusalem office.

Baird met Tuesday with Tzipi Livni across the Green Line in disputed territory, which the Palestinians and the UN consider occupied land.

Baird says where he has coffee with someone is "irrelevant" to the larger discussion of Middle East peace and does not signal a shift in Canadian foreign policy.

"We're focused on trying to have an impact on the difficult and serious challenges, that being security for Israelis, an end to the conflict and the legitim-

About what, not where



"I'm not interested in getting into the semantic argument

about whether you have a meeting ... on one side of the street (or another)."

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird

ate aspirations for a state from those in the Palestinian side," he said during a news conference in London, following a meeting of G8 foreign ministers.

Previous Canadian government ministers have avoided crossing into East Jerusalem with Israeli officials as a matter of principle and practice.

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Jolie and the G8 supporting the 'forgotten victims' of war

Angelina Jolie brought her celebrity wattage to London on Thursday to back an urgent cause: fighting sexual violence in military conflicts. The Hollywood star joined British Foreign Secretary William Hague in announcing \$36 million in additional funding from G8 nations to go toward preventing sexual violence and ensuring justice for its survivors. For too long, Jolie said, survivors of sexual violence have been "the forgotten victims" of wars in the Middle East, Africa and elsewhere. "Today, I believe that their voices have been heard," she said, alongside Hague, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and others at a meeting of foreign ministers from G8 nations. ALASTAIR GRANT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, POOL

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Vigil remembers Rehtaeh Parsons

Halifax. N.S. premier says he hopes measures aimed at improving mental health services, policing and education will be rolled out soon

People filled a park in Halifax on Thursday night to remember Rehtaeh Parsons, holding candles and burning incense as native drummers played a drum song dedicated to the 17-year-old girl.

Many held photocopied pictures of Rehtaeh on a sunny evening as dusk fell. A native elder read a prayer: "We pray for an end to violence against young women and girls."

A number of politicians attended the vigil, including Premier Darrell Dexter and Halifax Mayor Mike Savage.

The girl's family says Rehtaeh hanged herself last week and was later taken off life-support following months of bullying after she was sexually assaulted by four boys and a photo of the alleged incident was distributed.

Rehtaeh's cousin Angella Parsons appealed for a reasoned response to Rehtaeh's death. "My family asks people not to respond with violence and aggression to this terrible tragedy," she told the crowd through tears. "We are coming together in memory of Rehtaeh.... To celebrate her life."

The RCMP have said they are aware of reports that some are suggesting harm against people involved in the investigation.

Earlier Thursday, Dexter told the legislature he wanted a timely response to satisfy the



Several hundred people attend a community vigil to remember Rehtaeh Parsons at Victoria Park in Halifax on Thursday. Family say she ended her life following months of bullying after an alleged sexual assault. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Remembering Rehtaeh

"She was a remarkable young woman."

Rehtaeh's cousin Angella Parsons

public's concerns about Rehtaeh's case.

"I will do everything in my power to create a community that is better equipped to prevent these situations, rather than a community that struggles to find a way to deal with them," Dexter said.

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Beyond bullying

PM responds

Prime Minister Stephen Harper says it's time to stop using the word bullying to describe what's alleged to have happened to Rehtaeh.

He says what has been described in this case is criminal. "It is youth criminal activity. It is violent criminal activity. It is sexual criminal activity and it is often Inter-

net criminal activity."

He told reporters he was shocked and saddened by the death, especially since he and his wife Laureen are parents of a teenage girl themselves.

Harper says the federal government will do what it can to encourage anti-bullying strategies and he is encouraged by the actions being taken by the province.

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Cyberbullying. Action, dialogue critical: Experts

With digital technology and social media increasingly used by bullies to taunt their targets, it's never been easier for harmful messages and images aimed at tormenting victims to be spread to the masses.

While some youth may be unsure of how to stop the chain of cyberbullying, experts say that simply remaining idle is not the answer.

"If a child receives a photo circulated through social media there are many things that he or she can do. Perhaps

the most important thing is to let someone know and not be part of the problem, but part of the solution," said Debra Pepler, scientific co-director of PREVNet, a national authority on research and resources for bullying prevention.

"Being part of the problem is sending that on to other people, writing derisive comments about it; in some way joining the bullying rather than indicating dissatisfaction and displeasure with it."

PREVNet (Promoting Re-

lationships and Eliminating Violence Network) has several tips on its website geared towards teens on how to deal with cyberbullying.

Among them: talk to a trusted adult; "pause and think" before sending messages; don't ignore instincts when seeing or receiving messages which seem aggressive or over the line; and let the sender of an offending message know you're not OK with cyberbullying. Teens are also advised to make a copy of the



Amanda Todd posted a video before committing suicide as a result of cyberbullying. YOUTUBE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

message before deleting it. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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JFK exhibit opens at museum in D.C.

Newseum. Journalism museum stages brand new Kennedy exhibit in Washington, includes Oswald material

Some never-before-seen artifacts from the minutes and

hours following President John F. Kennedy's assassination are going on display in Washington.

The Newseum, a museum devoted to journalism and the U.S. constitutional amendment on a free press, is marking the 50th anniversary of the assassination with a yearlong commemoration including two new exhibi-

tions and a new film about Kennedy.

One exhibit, entitled Three Shots Were Fired, follows the events and news coverage that unfolded after Kennedy was shot in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

It opens to the public Friday, along with an extensive exhibition of photographs by Kennedy's personal pho-

tographer, entitled Creating Camelot.

For the first time, the museum is showing items from assassin Lee Harvey Oswald at the time of his arrest.

The display includes Oswald's wallet, a jacket that police believe he discarded and a blanket used to hide his rifle in a friend's garage.

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1959 photo from the Newseum of JFK in Omaha. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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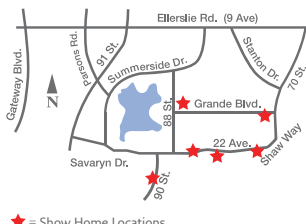


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Neuroscience

Brain activity can be used to guess what music you'll buy: Study

A new study suggests brain activity can be used to accurately guess what music people enjoy enough to buy.

The study, published in the journal Science, found that an area of the brain called the nucleus accumbens drives people's responses to music they've

never heard before.

Researchers set up a mock environment resembling iTunes and measured activity in the nucleus accumbens as people browsed through unfamiliar songs.

Study participants could buy music at any one of four price points. Researchers found the amount of activity in the nucleus accumbens allowed them to predict which songs the subjects would download and how much they would spend.

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DNA discovery. 1962 Nobel prize medal sells for \$2 million at auction

The Nobel Prize won by Francis Crick in 1962 for his discovery of DNA was sold Thursday at auction for more than \$2 million.

Heritage Auctions identified the buyer as Jack Wang, CEO of Biomob, a regenerative medicine technology company located in Silicon Valley and Shanghai. The price passed the pre-sale estimate of \$500,000. On Wednesday, a letter Crick wrote to his son describing the discovery sold for \$6 million.

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The 1962 Nobel Prize awarded to Francis Crick. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Stolen art. Paris court to decide if sacred Hopi tribal masks can be sold

Is there such a thing as too sacred to sell? That's the question a French judge could answer Friday in a potentially landmark decision in Paris on whether dozens of Native American tribal masks can go up for auction.

The masks are undoubtedly striking pieces of art — surreal faces made from

wood, leather, horse hair and feathers — and painted in vivid pigments of red, blue, yellow and orange. To Arizona's Hopi Indians they are also stolen spiritual vessels, and they want them back. The case has drawn ire on both sides of the Atlantic and the outcome is much anticipated. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. Senate rejects effort to block gun-control bill

68-31. 50 Democrats, 16 Republicans and 2 independents opposed; 29 Republicans, 2 Democrats supported

Gun-control supporters in the U.S. Senate won the first showdown over how to respond to the December school shootings in Connecticut, defeating an effort by conservatives to derail firearms restrictions before debate could even start.

The 68-31 vote on Thursday gave an early burst of momentum to efforts by President Barack Obama and lawmakers to push fresh but modest gun curbs through Congress. The National Rifle Association, the top gun advocacy group, along with many Republicans and some moderate Democrats, say the proposals go too far.

The road to congressional approval of major restrictions remains difficult, particularly in the Republican-led House of Representatives, where there is



Volunteers place more than 3,300 crosses, Stars of David and other religious symbols on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., on Thursday to remember those affected by gun violence. Clergy from Newtown, Conn., and others will begin a 24-hour vigil to urge Congress to pass tougher gun laws. MARK WILSON/GETTY IMAGES

strong opposition.

The vote came four months after a gunman killed 20 young children and six staffers at a Connecticut school.

Expanded background checks of gun purchasers are at the core of the latest Democrat-led gun-control drive. Other top proposals — including bans on

assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines — will be offered as amendments during Senate debate but seem destined for defeat.

Background checks currently apply only to transactions handled by the country's 55,000 licensed gun dealers. Advocates of expanding the system say

too many sales — the exact proportion is unknown — escape the checks, which are supposed to keep weapons from going to criminals, the seriously mentally ill and others.

"The hard work starts now," Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, a Democrat, said after the vote. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

U.S. immigration bill moving, thanks to farmers

Agriculture growers have signed off on the major elements of a new program to bring farm workers to the U.S., a key senator said Thursday, moving a major immigration bill a step closer to passage.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, a Democrat, said the growers

have agreed on wages and numbers of visas in the new program, which would allow tens of thousands of farm workers into the country. Those were the big sticking points between the industry and the United Farm Workers.

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"We have a deal on wage and cap. There are still things that they're going over with respect to worker protections, which are in the bill."

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, a Democrat, on nearing the final goal of the program: to secure the border, create a path to citizenship for 11 million people now living illegally in the U.S., and require employers to electronically verify the legal status of their workers

New report

Spending on drugs grows at slowest rate in 16 years

A new report suggests spending on prescription drugs in Canada continues to grow, but at the slowest rate in 16 years.

The slowed growth is said to be because patents expired for several drugs, which meant people could buy cheaper generic versions. The report says Canadians spent \$33 billion on drugs in 2012, or an average of \$947 per person. The report, from the Canadian Institute for Health Information, says drugs continue to make up the second-largest share of health spending, after hospitals, ahead of the cost of doctors' salaries. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Navigating bureaucracy

Veterans groups offer guidance on benefits

Two independent organizations are stepping forward to help disabled veterans navigate the maze of federal government benefits, claims and appeals.

The Royal Canadian Legion and Wounded Warriors Canada announced the partnership Thursday, saying their goal is to better connect ex-soldiers and their families with available programs. The organizations will also provide professional counselling and free representation services at all stages of the disability-claim process, up to and including challenges before the Veterans Review and Appeals Board. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Expats. Canucks in S. Korea unfazed by nuclear threats

North Korea's latest threat of a missile attack against its southern neighbour is not rattling Canadians living and working in South Korea, who say Pyongyang's war talk is nothing new.

Andrei Cherwinski, 29, an English teacher on his third contract in South Korea, said nobody is taking the threat seriously. "Everybody's still going to work, everybody's still going out on the town, nobody is concerned," said Cherwinski, who is from Ottawa but now calls Seoul home.

Tensions in the Korean Peninsula continued to rise on Thursday as North Korea hinted at a missile launch, claiming it had "powerful striking means" on standby.

"I kind of follow the people around me, how everybody acts. I don't see people getting



A North Korean soldier keeps watch on a boat on Wednesday near the North Korean town of Sinuiju. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

upset," said Andrew Sachs, 28, who is from Haliburton, Ont. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Returned from Cuba

U.S. boys unaware of kidnapping

Two young U.S. boys seem unaware their parents kidnapped them and believe their sailboat trip to Cuba was only a vacation, not an attempt to flee U.S. authorities, the children's grandparents said Thursday.

Last week, the maternal grandparents were granted custody. Police say Joshua

Hakken then broke into their Florida home, tied up his mother-in-law, took the 4-year-old and 2-year-old and set sail for Cuba.

Joshua and Sharyn Hakken arrived in Florida early Wednesday with their sons and the family dog after being handed over by Cuban officials. Grandparents Patricia and Bob Hauser said they want to get the boys back to a normal schedule.

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North Korea

Leader showing he's in charge?

North Korea's new leader is using the threat of a nuclear strike to get concessions on foreign aid rather than trying to trigger military conflict, top U.S. intelligence officials told Congress.

Director of National Intelligence James Clapper told the House intelligence committee that he thinks

Kim Jong Un is trying to show the U.S., the world and his own people that he is "firmly in control in North Korea," while attempting to manoeuvre the international community into concessions in future negotiations.

Clapper said the intelligence community believes the North would only use nuclear weapons to preserve the Kim regime.

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A Swedish instructor looks on as Malian soldiers practice shooting techniques during a European Union training session in the village of Koulikoro, 60 kilometres outside Bamako, Mali ahead of the final pullout of French troops from this west African country. BABA AHMED/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EU training Mali soldiers

French pullout. There are concerns militants pushed back by military intervention will regroup

Broken military

Mali's military chain of command was broken after a coup last year. Soldiers lack respect for their commanders and superiors.

- There are reports that soldiers, humiliated by their defeat last year at the hands of the Islamic extremists, have carried out reprisals against the Arab and Tuareg civilians left behind.

In preparation for a draw-down of French troops from Mali, a European Union team started training Malian soldiers for battle against jihadists who overran much of this West African country before they were pushed back by a French military intervention.

On a recent day, small groups of Malians stood in the burning heat and orange sands in the town of Koulikoro, 60 kilometres west of the capital Bamako, learning to hold weapons. They began the training last week, and this week they learned how to shoot from standing, sitting and prone positions.

About 550 people from the team meant to ready Mali's

army for combat. But there is worry that the project to train thousands of soldiers may not be sufficient to keep the Islamic militants at bay.

French military spokesman Col. Thierry Burkhard said this week that about 100 French troops have been pulled out of Mali and were as of this week in Cyprus on their way back to France.

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Museum. Project to store 200 years of Palestinian history

Palestinians on Thursday began construction of the West Bank's largest museum devoted to their history, planning to tell diverse stories of Palestinians in their land and of millions who live abroad.

The museum represents a step in the Palestinian quest for statehood by creating a repository for 200 years of history, alongside galleries and space for debates about the Palestinian cause, said director Jack Persekian.

Persekian hoped the

privately funded museum, which has government support, would tell stories

not just of Palestinian Muslims and Christians, but also of Jews who lived in what was Britain-administered

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Supreme Court won't hear oilsands appeal

Mine expansion.

Alberta First Nations group suggests it may mount another bid to block ruling

The Supreme Court of Canada has refused to hear the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation's bid to block a ruling on Shell's Jackpine oilsands mine expansion in northern Alberta.

The First Nation wanted a regulatory board to rule on whether the band had been adequately consulted before the board decided if the Shell project could go ahead.

The board said governments should determine how much consultation is adequate. The Alberta Court

of Appeal agreed and the high court has refused to hear an appeal of that decision.

"We are truly disappointed with this decision as we have diligently proceeded through legal avenues to have our rights upheld," Athabasca Chipewyan Chief Allan Adam said in a statement.

"We understand that this joint review panel was supposed to uphold everyone's constitutional rights. Why has there been an exception with regards to First Nations' consultation rights? Government must be held accountable to their treaty obligations."

The First Nation also says the decision means the board will make a Jackpine decision without anyone considering whether the

Aboriginal consultation

Under legislation passed during the Jackpine hearings, the province's new regulatory board is specifically prohibited from hearing concerns about consultation.

- The province is trying to set up an office to handle such a task, but bands from all three of Alberta's treaty groups say the draft policy ignores their

concerns and defines the issue on the government's terms.

- The Supreme Court is also refusing to hear an appeal by B.C.'s Adams Lake Indian Band, which claims it was not adequately consulted before the province established a municipality on lands the band claims as its own.

band's right to adequate consultation has been fulfilled.

It hinted it may mount another bid to block the ruling.

"We do not know the reasons why the Supreme Court did not grant (Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation) a hearing. It is clear that we will not find access to justice within Alberta," Adam said.

"We will have to decide if we move ahead with different legal strategies to uphold our rights."

Band lawyer Eamon Murphy said from Vancouver

that the First Nation still has legal options.

Once the review panel issues its recommendation, permits for specific aspects of the project must still be issued by federal and provincial authorities. Murphy said the band is considering legal challenges at those levels.

"On those approvals, we would have to look at them and see if there's any possibility of reviewing those in court," he said. "It becomes more difficult, frankly."

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"It is clear that we will not find access to justice within Alberta."

Athabasca Chipewyan Chief Allan Adam

Abandon ships. Harper urged to scrap plans for Arctic patrol vessels



Stephen Harper is escorted by naval officers prior to making an announcement of the construction of up to eight Polar Class 5 Arctic Offshore Patrol Ships at CFB Esquimalt in Victoria, B.C., in 2007. DEDDEDA STEMLER/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

A new report by two independent think-tanks recommends the Harper government abandon its pet project to construct Arctic patrol ships for the navy.

The Centre for Policy Alternatives and the Rideau Institute say the \$4.3-billion plan has been watered down to the point where it no longer makes much sense, and the country would be better served building high-speed navy cutters and civilian icebreakers.

The Conservatives promised

the arctic warships during the 2006 election campaign, saying once in government they would build three heavily armed icebreakers to enforce Canadian sovereignty in the North.

In 2007, the plan changed to up to eight light "ice capable" ships, including a major refueling station in Nanisivik, Nunavut. The report concludes the ships, as currently configured, will be too slow, too unstable and too lightly armed.

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Twitter's Most Wanted

Police using social media to catch 'The Vaultier'

Police from across Canada are joining forces to use social media to try to catch what they are calling one of the country's most notorious bank robbers, nicknamed "The Vaultier."

It comes from the way the suspect jumps over counters, and police have connected him to as many as 17 bank robberies over a three-year period.

Investigators with police forces in Calgary, Ottawa, Hamilton and Peel and York Regions near Toronto have taken to Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Pinterest to get images of the serial robber to the public.

It's hoped the campaign will give people an opportunity to view surveillance images and video captured during the robberies.

The Canadian Bankers Association has offered a \$20,000 reward for anyone providing information that will ultimately lead to an arrest. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Crime. 'Tough' cases to be heard

The Supreme Court of Canada has agreed to hear a pair of cases involving elements of the Harper government's "tough-on-crime" agenda.

The first case involves three prisoners sentenced before the passage of a 2011 law that toughened parole conditions.

The prisoners argued they should have been treated under the old law, which allowed early parole after serving one-sixth of a sentence.

They won in lower courts, but the Supreme Court agreed to hear the attorney general's appeal.

The second case deals with credit for pre-trial detention.

A lower court judge credited the offender with 1.5 days for each day in detention before sentencing, which the federal government appealed.

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'White-hat' hackers. Students get real-world cyber-security training

Every week, a group of teens and 20-somethings gets together on a college campus, turn up music and begin hacking into computer networks.

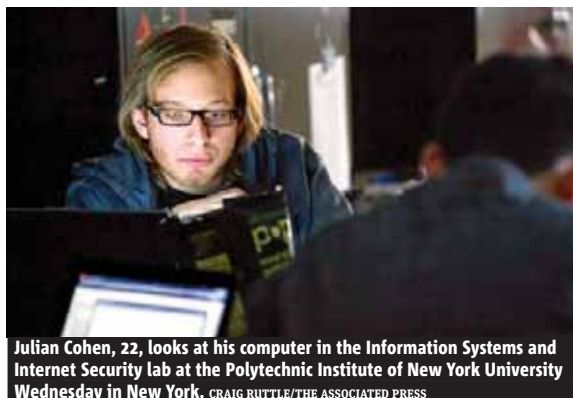
But they're not criminals: They're students training to become "white-hat" hackers, experts that help business and government agencies protect their data from cyber-attacks.

Since actual hacking is illegal, students can't just sneak

into a webpage and poke around. So industry experts and professors collaborate to create exercises that expose them to real-world hacking scenarios.

"Becoming good at security involves doing these challenges, exercises that put you in the context even if it's artificial and made up," says NYU-Poly professor Nasir Memon.

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Julian Cohen, 22, looks at his computer in the Information Systems and Internet Security lab at the Polytechnic Institute of New York University Wednesday in New York. CRAIG RUTTLE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fox site pulls Coulter column

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Conservative
commentator told
to 'get a life' after
remark about shooting
senator's daughter

The Fox Nation website has removed a column by Ann Coulter because it had a reference to killing the daughter of Sen. John McCain.

Coulter wrote about how MSNBC's Martin Bashir suggested Republican senators wouldn't support gun-control legislation until a member of their family was killed. She wrote: "Let's start with Meghan McCain!"

In response, McCain's mother, Cindy, tweeted that "Ann Coulter needs to get a life!"

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Ann Coulter gestures while speaking at the Conservative Political Action Conference in Washington on Feb. 10, 2012. J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hate crime

2 arrested in U.K. for assault on 'emo' teen

British police say they have arrested two people over an assault on an "emo" teenage boy — the first to be recorded in the country as an alternative-subculture hate crime.

Short for "emotional punk," the term refers to a style of rock music and associated fashion.

Greater Manchester Police said they detained a 14-year-old boy and a 44-year-old man after receiving reports that a 16-year-old boy who described himself as an "emo" was assaulted.

The police force said last week they would begin recording offences against members of "goths, emos, punks and metallers" in the same way they do attacks based on race, religion, disability, sexual orientation or transgender identity.

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This product photo released by MommyMilk shows a necklace with a charm made of breast milk. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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prints sunk into clay. Some parents even tuck away the dried stump of the umbilical cord or the stick pregnancy test as a touching memento marking a milestone of their child.

The latest? Breast milk jewelry.

Few issues polarize mothers more than breast-feeding, and all things related to breast-feeding, so wearing

processed breast milk around the neck or in a bracelet has ignited some passions.

The jewelry, on sale at the handmade marketplace Etsy, is definitely not for writer Ashley McCann, 34, in Naples, Fla. She nursed both her boys, 6 and 9, and loved it, but she feels some sort of gross-out like a line has been crossed. "I think it is just weird."

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Stanley Marsh 3 is booked into the Potter County Detention Center in Texas, in this November file photo. A Texas grand jury has indicted the eccentric millionaire artist on charges that he sexually assaulted two teenagers, according to documents released Thursday. MICHAEL SCHUMACHER/AMARILLO GLOBE-NEWS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Millionaire artist faces sex charges

Civil suits. Eccentric already settled lawsuits involving teenagers who alleged he paid them for sex

A Texas grand jury has indicted eccentric millionaire and artist Stanley Marsh 3 on charges that he sexually assaulted six teenagers, according to documents.

Marsh, 75, was indicted Wednesday on four counts of sexual assault of a child, eight counts of sexual performance by a child, and two counts of indecency with a child. If convicted, Marsh, the son of

an oil tycoon, faces up to 20 years in prison and fines of up to \$10,000 on each count.

The allegations date to before Marsh suffered a massive stroke in 2011. Marsh has been free on bond since he turned himself in on a November arrest warrant.

A statement from his lawyers noted the accusers had filed civil suits "seeking millions of dollars" and that they had waited to come forward until after Marsh's stroke.

The civil suits alleged Marsh gave teenage boys cash, alcohol, drugs and in one case, two BMWs, to perform sex acts with him during secret encounters at his office. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Pop art

Marsh is probably best known for sponsoring the pop art landmark Cadillac Ranch in the early 1970s.

- Cadillac Ranch along Interstate 70 features 10 Cadillacs, buried nose down, that were gathered from junkyards, private collectors and used car lots.

- Marsh, who uses the numeral '3' in his legal name, painted the cars black and yellow to honour the passing of longtime friends.

Bad break. Man accused of breaking into actor's car arrested again

An Albuquerque man accused of breaking into Breaking Bad actor Bryan Cranston's car late last year and stealing a script has been arrested again.

Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office records show that 29-year-old Xavier McAfee was arrested Wednesday on

another count of auto burglary.

Deputies arrested McAfee last month on suspicion of breaking into Cranston's car in December and stealing an iPad, a shoulder bag and miscellaneous personal things.

The award-winning AMC TV series is set in Albuquerque and is filming its fifth and final season in and around the city.

Breaking Bad follows Cranston's character, Walter White, producing and selling methamphetamine with former student Jesse Pinkman, who's played by Aaron Paul.

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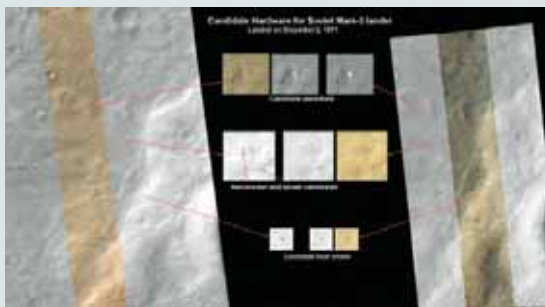
Space fans from Russia have spotted what may be parts from a spacecraft that the Soviet Union landed on Mars in 1971.

Poring through images taken by NASA's Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter, the citizen scientists point to

what could be the Mars 3 lander along with its parachute, heat shield and other hardware.

The lander operated for only 15 seconds on the Martian surface before it suddenly stopped communicating. NASA said in a statement Thursday that more follow-up is needed to confirm the images are that of the Soviet lander and not natural geologic features.

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Pictures from NASA's Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter showing what may be part of a Soviet craft that landed on Mars in 1971. NASA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Packed away for a decade the vases were bought by the owner's grandparents in 1928

Circa 1833

Officials with Dallas Auction Gallery were evaluating items when they noticed the top portion of one of the vases had the blue marking of Russia's Imperial Porcelain Factory.

- Randy Buttram's grandparents bought the vases in Munich while travelling through Europe.

Randy Buttram never gave much thought to the two 4 1/2-foot tall ornate vases that graced the elegant main entrance of his grandparents' Oklahoma City mansion and later were displayed around a fireplace facade at his parents' home.

The vases, which had been packed away for a decade, turned out to be rare items from Russia dating back two centuries — to the reign of

Nicholas I. They also carried immense value, fetching \$2.7 million Thursday in a private sale. Buttram, 66, of Oklahoma City said he didn't have room to keep them.

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Rare Russian vases landed in Oklahoma City. LM OTERO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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An Open Letter to Canadians

RBC has been in the news this week in a way no company ever wants to be.

The recent debate about an outsourcing arrangement for some technology services has raised important questions.

While we are compliant with the regulations, the debate has been about something else. The question for many people is not about doing only what the rules require - it's about doing what employees, clients, shareholders and Canadians expect of RBC. And that's something we take very much to heart.

Despite our best efforts, we don't always meet everyone's expectations, and when we get it wrong you are quick to tell us. You have my assurance that I'm listening and we are making the following commitments.

First, I want to apologize to the employees affected by this outsourcing arrangement as we should have been more sensitive and helpful to them. All will be offered comparable job opportunities within the bank.

Second, we are reviewing our supplier arrangements and policies with a continued focus on Canadian jobs and prosperity, balancing our desire to be both a successful business and a leading corporate citizen.

Third, our Canadian client call centres are located in Canada and support our domestic and our U.S. business, and they will remain in Canada.

Fourth, we are preparing a new initiative aimed at helping young people gain an important first work experience in our company, which we will announce in the weeks ahead.

RBC proudly employs over 57,000 people in Canada. Over the last four years, despite a challenging global economy, we added almost 3,000 full-time jobs in Canada. We also hire over 2,000 youth in Canada each year and we support thousands more jobs through the purchases we make from Canadian suppliers. As we continue to grow, so will the number of jobs for Canadians.

RBC opened for business in 1864 and we have worked hard since then to earn the confidence and support of the community. Today, we remain every bit as committed to earning the right to be our clients' first choice, providing rewarding careers for our employees, delivering returns to shareholders who invest with us, and supporting the communities in which we are privileged to operate.

I'd like to close by thanking our employees, clients, shareholders and community partners for your input and continued support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gord Nixon'.

Gord Nixon
President and Chief Executive Officer,
Royal Bank of Canada

Has the Bitcoin bubble burst?

Speculation cycle.

Cyber-currency's value has rocketed up and down in recent days, but observers say it's survived swings before

It's a promising form of electronic cash free from central bankers and beloved by hackers. But Bitcoin may also be in deep trouble, registering catastrophic losses that have sent speculators scrambling.

Although the cyber-currency has existed for years as a kind of Internet oddity, a perfect storm of developments has brought it to the cusp of mainstream use.

As currency crises in Europe piqued investors' interest, a growing number of businesses announced they were accepting bitcoins for an ever-wider range of goods and services. The value of a single bitcoin began racing upward amid growing media attention, smashing past the \$100 US mark last week before more than doubling again in just a few days.

Then came the crash. The price of Bitcoin has imploded, falling from \$266 US on Wed-

nesday to roughly \$55 on Thursday. The best-known Bitcoin exchange, the Tokyo-based Mt. Gox, suspended trading for what it described as a 12-hour "market cooldown."

Nicholas Colas, chief market strategist for the ConvergeX Group, said it was a "great question" whether the currency could survive the wrenching up-and-down. "At this point I would say yes, since it has before," Colas wrote in an email. But he noted that, unlike previous oscillations, Thursday's collapse was taking place in the full glare of international media attention.

"A lot more people know about Bitcoin than during the prior problems," he said.

Colas seemed to reject the idea that the suspension of trading at Mt. Gox was a sign that Bitcoin was coming apart at the seams. "For the average user, losing Mt. Gox for 12 hours is like going to an ATM and finding that it is out of money," he said.

But he prefaced the statement by noting that bitcoins suffered from the same weakness of any other form of money. If people increasingly believe they're not worth anything, then they're not worth anything. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



In this April 3 photo, Mike Caldwell, a 35-year-old software engineer, poses with Bitcoin tokens at his shop in Sandy, Utah. Caldwell mints physical versions of bitcoins, cranking out homemade tokens with codes protected by tamper-proof holographic seals, a retro-futuristic kind of prepaid cash. **RICK BOWMER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Bitcoin's promise

- To its supporters, Bitcoin has enormous promise. They describe it as the foundation stone of a Utopian economy: no borders, no change fees, no closing hours, and no one to tell you what you can and can't do with your money.
- Some of that promise is being delivered: When Bitcoin first got its start in 2009, the currency could buy almost nothing. Now, there's almost nothing that bitcoins can't buy.
- From hard drugs to hard currency, songs to survival gear, cars to consumer goods, retailers are rushing to welcome the virtual currency whose unofficial symbol is a dollar-like, double-barred B.
- Just days ago the total value of bitcoins in circulation hit \$2 billion US, up from a tiny fraction of that last year. But late Wednesday, Bitcoin collapsed, shedding roughly 75 per cent of its value.

BBM rival

Canuck chat app Kik hits 50M users

When Canadian mobile chat upstart Kik Messenger first took the tech world by storm back in 2010, it was happy to have two million users compared to the 28 million that were loyal to BlackBerry Messenger.

On Thursday, the company celebrated crossing

the 50 million users mark, an accomplishment made more impressive considering that BlackBerry's BBM is now within striking distance, in the neighbourhood of 60 million.

The Waterloo, Ont.-based Kik now finds itself looking up to industry juggernaut WhatsApp, which doesn't disclose user numbers but is estimated to have many more.

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Subscriber base grows

Sirius XM Canada posts \$4.1M profit

The parent company of Sirius XM Canada Inc. had a \$4.1-million profit in the second quarter as the number of self-paying subscribers to its satellite radio services increased by 12.8 per cent from the same time last year.

Sirius XM Canada Hold-

ings Inc. says its net income amounted to three cents per share, which compared with a year-earlier loss of \$2.7 million or two cents per share.

One of the company's strategies has been to work with automakers to include satellite radios in new cars with some free service — hoping the buyers will later sign up to continue the service at their own expense.

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Billionaire's bad PR

Arnault won't seek Belgian citizenship

French luxury goods billionaire Bernard Arnault has decided not to become Belgian to avoid negative publicity back home. Arnault, one of the world's richest men, had been seeking Belgian citizenship,

though he denies it was to escape his country's mighty tax man.

In interviews with several Belgian newspapers on Thursday, the chairman and CEO of the LVMH group said he had underestimated the impact that seeking double nationality would have in his home country. He was derided as just a rich man running away from high taxes.

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RBC apologizes for outsourcing mess

Mea culpa. Bank publishes open letter in response to furor over treatment of IT workers

Royal Bank's top executive apologized Thursday to the workers who are being affected by the bank's outsourcing arrangement with a foreign company, saying RBC should have been more sensitive and helpful to them.

The apology follows a backlash against the bank after some of its Canadian information technology workers complained they were being replaced by foreign workers working for a company contracted by RBC.

Chief executive Gord Nixon said in an open letter, to be published in Friday newspapers, that the bank is also reviewing its supplier arrangements and policies to balance its desire to be a successful



Gord Nixon, CEO of the Royal Bank of Canada, says the bank should have been more sensitive to IT workers whose jobs are being outsourced. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

business and a "leading corporate citizen."

He repeated assurances that all of the affected workers — about 45 people — will be offered comparable job opportunities at the bank, which is Canada's largest bank by assets.

"RBC has been in the news this week in a way no company ever wants to be," Nixon said in a letter distributed

Thursday afternoon.

"While we are compliant with the regulations, the debate has been about something else. The question for many people is not about doing only what the rules require — it's about doing what employees, clients, shareholders and Canadians expect of RBC. And that's something we take very much to heart."

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E-commerce. MasterCard launches digital wallet

For those who hate the tedious process of filling out billing and shipping information every time they make an online purchase, MasterCard is rolling out a digital wallet product called MasterPass, which works on computers, tablets and smartphones.

When completing a purchase and clicking on MasterPass, users just need to provide a password. If they've saved multiple credit cards



MasterPass is a new digital service that stores credit card information. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

and shipping addresses they can choose which to use.

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Austria. Police arrest man in Red Bull blackmail case

Austrian police have arrested a man suspected of blackmailing Red Bull by threatening to place cans of its energy drink contaminated with feces on supermarket shelves.

Police officials cited at a Salzburg news conference by the Austria Press Agency say the unidentified 47-year-old suspect was arrested Wednesday after he showed up for a payoff in the Lower Austrian town of Moedling.

Thursday's report didn't say how much the suspected blackmailer was demanding, or give other details.

An official answering the telephone at Salzburg police headquarters confirmed the arrest. The threats started coming in February by mail and email. Spot checks of stores across Austria showed no trace of tampering with the company's product.

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1 Good Turn Week. Scouts Canada is challenging Canadians to do a simple act of kindness — or two — each week, starting with Good Turn Week, April 13 to 21. Share your good deeds by submitting them on scouts.ca/goodturn, which will encourage others to pay it forward. If you're reading this now while on public transit, why not consider giving up your seat to someone?

2 Const. Brendan Power. This Edmonton police constable's tweets @CstPower are awesome: "Note to self: Make sure step isn't icy, then kick door. #OhTheShame." "Guy snatches his 40km/h over ticket and crumples it up. Ouch. Dagger, right to my heart..." And "Fraud call. You'd think a man and woman pushing a baby stroller would make for a slow get away. Not so much. #UrbanNinjas." No surprise he has almost 5,000 followers.

3 #nowthatchersdead. This hashtag caused some mighty confusion on Twitter this week. It was referring to Margaret Thatcher's death (now Thatcher's dead) but many read it as 'now that Cher's dead' and tributes began to pour in for the pop star. Twitter may need to start allowing for apostrophes, spaces and Dummy 101 manuals in their hashtags.

4 Rihanna's hockey jersey. The music superstar made Ottawa Senators hockey jerseys look super hot after posting a picture of herself on social media wearing nothing but that jersey. Watch for Sens jersey sales to pick up now, and even more so if she wears it onstage during her stop in Ottawa May 2 during her Diamonds tour.



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Neil Morton

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5 Davis Cup Canada. Ace! Canada advanced to the final 4 of tennis in the Davis Cup by defeating Italy in the quarter-final, cementing things with a win by Milos Raonic. This is the first time Canada has advanced to the world group semifinals in the modern era. I haven't been this excited about Canadian tennis since winning an U14 tennis tournament at Olympia Sports Camp in Huntsville, Ont., in the '80s.

6 McDonald's. With youth unemployment almost double the national average, McDonald's Restaurants of Canada did their part to fry that by saying they'd hire 6,000 people — most of them youth — during their third-annual National Hiring Day April 11 at franchises across the country. Talk about a Big Mac attack on unemployment.

7 Celebrity close-up. The tumblr account celebritycloseup.tumblr.com takes you as close to your fave celebs as you'll ever get, getting way up close to their faces. You get to see every pore, wrinkle, blemish, acne and nose hair on the likes of James Franco, Nicki Minaj, Katy Perry, Harry Styles and Miley Cyrus — proving once again that stars really are just like us. Except they're rich and famous.

8 @1890probs. If you thought your life was difficult, check out the Twitter account @1890probs, which tweets gems like "Turned 19 today. Too old to marry and have kids." "Gets whooping cough. Whole village dies." "I wish I could see my

boyfriend more often, but he lives 20 miles away," and "Wardrobe malfunction.. Everyone saw my ankles." Follow it.

9 Oprah hits Canada again. Oprah's love fest with Canada continues. After her west coast speaking tour in January, she hit Ottawa and Montreal this week, and then Steeltown Saturday night, where one of Canada's best interviewers — George Stroumboulopoulos (who just landed a summer series on CNN!) — will moderate a conversation with her at Copps Coliseum. Oprah and Strombo, what's not to love?

10 Led Zeppelin. If you're a Led Zeppelin fan — who isn't? — then next Monday is your day. That's the day the illustrated digital book *Led Zeppelin: Sound And Fury* by acclaimed rock photographer Neal Preston is released exclusively on the iBook store, taking you backstage with the band. I'll be listening to Stairway to Heaven on repeat while I watch it.

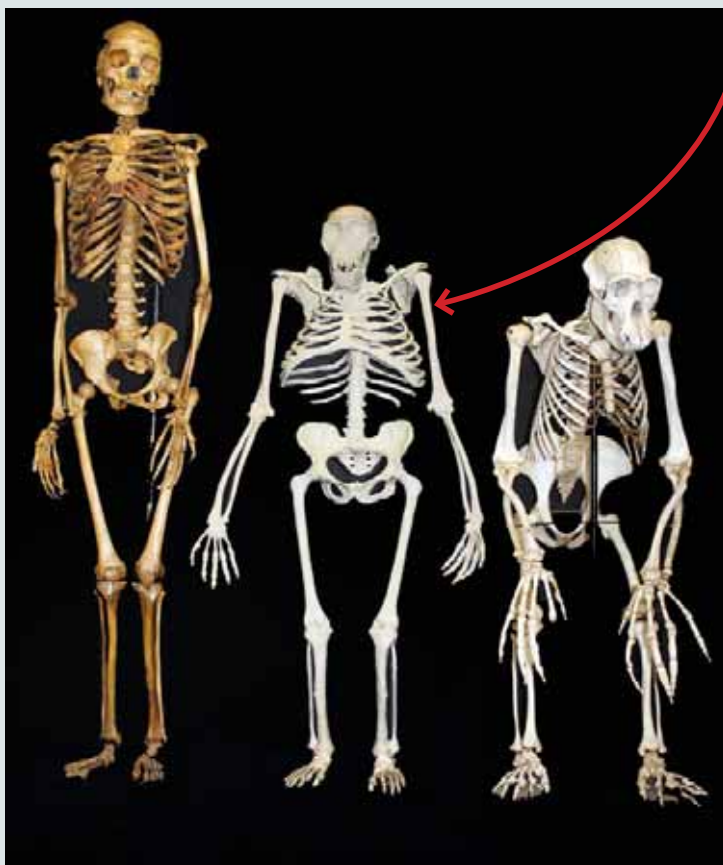
11 Louisville tattoo. With Louisville rallying behind guard Kevin Ware, who had suffered that horrific leg injury earlier in the tourney, this team of destiny defeated Michigan Monday night in a fantastic NCAA championship final 82-76. And now their coach Rick Pitino has to get a tattoo, which he promised the team he would if they won. I suggest "WARE LOUISVILLE."

12 Dragons' Den. In a special season finale April 14 on CBC, viewers get to go outside the den and right into the private lives of the famous dragons. We get to see how they multi-task their business empires with their jam-packed red carpet schedules and personal lives. I expect to see some semblance of Kevin O'Leary's soft side. Or not.



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ZOOM



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Darwin's back

Species is evolutionary snapshot in action

This image provided by Lee R. Berger and the University of the Witwatersrand shows a reconstruction of the skeleton of *Australopithecus sediba*, centre, next to a small-bodied modern human female, left, and a male chimpanzee.

The newly-studied species lived some two million years ago, and it both climbed in trees and walked upright. Scientists are getting a more comprehensive look at the extinct South African creature with an intriguing mix of human-like and primitive traits, but scientists say they still haven't pinned down where it fits on our evolutionary family tree. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Put your best foot forward

- When people walk, they strike the ground with the heel first. But that would be disastrous for *A. sediba*'s narrow heel bone, so, instead, the creature struck the ground first with the outside of the foot, the authors propose.

Quoted

"I didn't think you could have this combination, that hand with that pelvis with that foot ... yet, there it is." Jeremy DeSilva of Boston University

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'Weird Twitter' is a crew of very funny users loosely connected by a taste for high concept, non-sequitur jokes and a shared disdain of the term 'weird Twitter.' Dip your toe in by following these:

@boring_as_heck:

A Vancouverite who just might be the most worthwhile follow on Twitter. "Well time to pay \$13 go see a labor of love that cost millions of dollars. But first, I'll pay \$14 for a large bag of corn and a sugar water."

@cool_pond:

A master tormenter of corporate Twitter accounts, most of whom seem happy to play along. "@Arbys I'm locked in the bathroom and the employees are locked in the other bathroom."

@_MichaelJordan:

No, it's not actually Michael Jordan. It's an even better, slightly ad-libbed version consistently amazed by the simplest things. "Accidentally signed a check Michael Jordan but they still took it. I'm just always thinking about jumping."



Letters

myself silly.

When I got home, I shared the article with my husband and he laughed so hard, too.

I have no doubt the script from the real PMO's office would read much the same, almost word for word, if a meteor were on its way.

Thanks for a thoughtful and hilarious article.

A.J. Brooks, Calgary, Alta.

RE: Earth to PMO: We're Doomed, published April 4

I wanted to tell you that I really

enjoy reading your paper in Calgary.

In the April 4 edition of Metro

news Calgary the article, Earth

to PMO: We're doomed by John

Mazerolle, was so funny I laughed

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Synopsis

42 covers roughly two years in Jackie Robinson's (Chadwick Boseman) life, the period in which he went from unknown minor league player to the man who broke the colour barrier in professional baseball. In 1947 there were 400 players in Major League Baseball, 399 white team members and Robinson. Recruited by Branch Rickey (Harrison Ford), owner of the Brooklyn Dodgers, the first baseman withstood racism from teammates, fans and opposing players to become an icon of the game and civil rights movement.

• Richard: ●●●●●

• Mark: ●●●●●

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN



42. The realities of 1940s racism aren't toned down in this Jackie Robinson biopic

Richard: Mark, I liked this movie. It's an old-fashioned Hollywood biopic, and I think as that it works well, but I can't start any conversation about the movie without mentioning Harrison Ford's performance. He's the gruff old coot Branch Rickey and Harrison brings him to life with cigar and eyebrow acting, hurumphing his way through the role in an entertaining, but decidedly hammy fashion. What did you make of his performance?

Mark: Richard, there is no movie WITHOUT Harrison Ford. Everyone else is pretty one dimensional, good or evil, including Robinson himself. But Ford brings a little craziness to a very sober biopic. Rickey's a hard guy to figure out, which is good. Is he just a savvy businessman, as he claims? A closet idealist? An egomaniac looking to claim a place in the history books? Ford always keeps us guessing, which is more than the rest of the movie does. I liked the movie, but really, when the bad guys are redneck racists in the 1940s it's like shooting catfish in a barrel.

RC: I liked Ford too but you take those eyebrows away

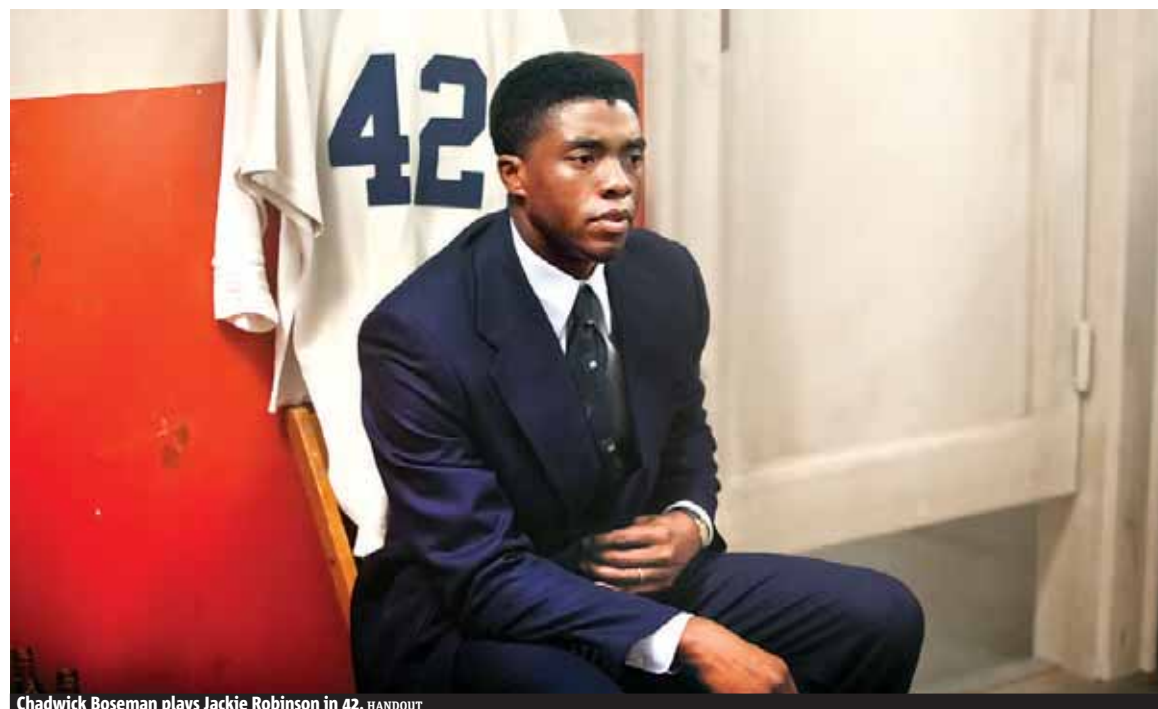
and there's not a whole lot left to that character. 42 is a melodramatic Hollywood biopic with one big moment after the next buoyed by a swelling soundtrack and loads of stock characters, but writer/director Brian Helgeland doesn't shy away from the harder edged aspects of the story. He tackles the racism Robinson was greeted with head on and it is often uncomfortable to watch.

MB: All too true, and you just can't believe that kind of overt racism occurred only 70 years ago. But, oh, that soundtrack! Stop telling me how to feel; I feel it already! By the way, I thought

Chris Meloni played an interesting character, a flawed human being with a good essence. I wish he had been in the movie more. And the film had a nice sense of time and place. But although Robinson himself is a hero, he's forced by history to be a bit of a bore, which is not good for the movie.

RC: I thought Chadwick Boseman showed some of the tenacity, talent and strength of character that made Robinson a legend.

MB: He was excellent at conveying Robinson's noble purpose. But you know what they say about the Bible: it's the Devil that has the best part!



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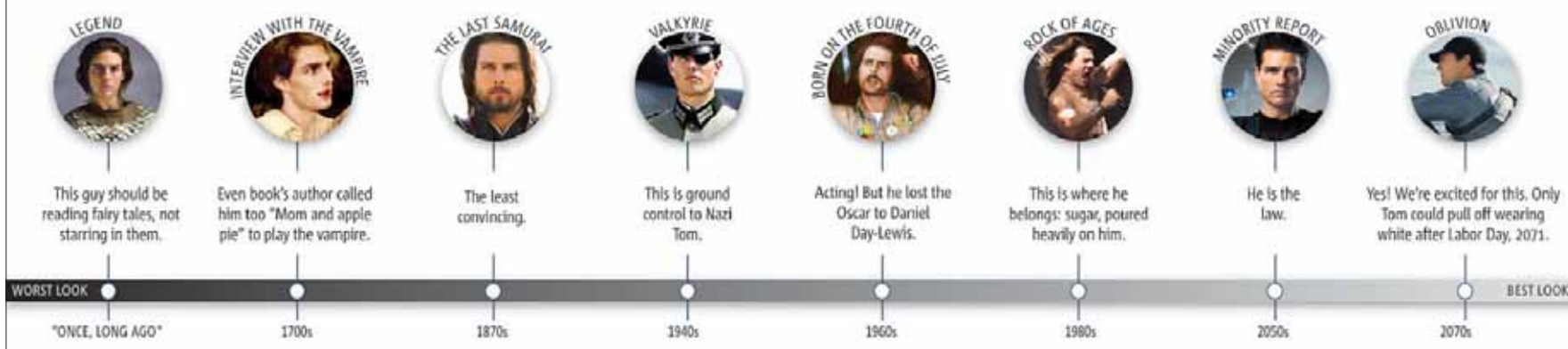
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TOM CRUISE ROCKS THE AGES

The further back he goes, the more ridiculous he seems. Here's proof:



Will Cruise's star fade into Oblivion?

Sparkle and shine.

The last few years have shown even Tommy is fallible at the box office — so how will audiences receive his latest adventure?



NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

A year ago, Tom Cruise was riding a wave of good press with a comeback narrative in full swing. His franchise return Mission: Impossible Ghost Protocol had reassured Hollywood that audiences still had an appetite for the star after something of a dry patch, eventually bringing in nearly \$700 million worldwide at the box office. And on top of that,

he had two high-profile and buzzed-about roles ahead for 2012 — the hair metal musical Rock of Ages and the tough-guy crime thriller Jack Reacher.

But then Rock of Ages was met with withering reviews and disappointing box office numbers, and Jack Reacher underperformed, with neither film opening at No. 1 at the box office. Now, with Cruise's Oblivion set to launch — following an ad campaign relying heavily on the star's bankability — Hollywood finds itself asking the same questions it did before the release of Ghost Protocol: Can Tom Cruise open a movie?

The last few years have suggested that the age of the movie star may be over, that audiences are no longer swayed merely by the presence of a big name on the poster. In fact, until recently it seemed the only two stars left who

could be counted on to open a movie — regardless of its content — were Will Smith and Adam Sandler. Smith's Men in Black 3 was indeed a blockbuster last year, but it was his first starring role in four years. And the generally review-proof Sandler's last two live-action outings, Jack and Jill and That's My Boy, were complete bombs. (It should be noted that Hotel Transylvania, which featured Sandler's voice, was a hit.)

And so far, 2013 hasn't been very good to traditional movie stars, with major box office flops for Expendables stars Arnold Schwarzenegger, Sylvester Stallone and Jason Statham. Bruce Willis' A Good Day to Die Hard fared a bit better, at least opening at No. 1, but in eight weeks of release it's still a long ways off from recouping its \$92 million budget. Even Brad Pitt, who is hoping June's World War Z will do well



Tom Cruise's film Oblivion opens in theatres next Friday. GETTY IMAGES

enough to launch a franchise, took a bath on last November's Killing Them Softly, which he both starred in and produced.

So if Oblivion doesn't do well, does that mean the Tom

Cruise brand is officially in trouble? Not likely. As Ghost Protocol proved, the star has an uncanny ability to bounce back from both critical failures and tabloid talk. And with the

more recent Oblivion trailers making the film look more interesting and enticing, maybe Cruise's latest go at saving the world will also save his career. Again.

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Drama



No

Director. Pablo Larrain

Stars. Gael Garcia Bernal, Alfredo Castro

No tells the true story of how a mainstream ad-man (Gael Garcia Bernal) helped design the political campaign that brought down Chilean despot Augusto Pinochet. By turning dour directives about dictatorship into fizzy, jingle-enhanced commercials preaching "happiness", No is both eye-opening and oddly humorous. Although filmmaker Pablo Larrain's use of vintage low-quality cameras and actual footage may jar moviegoers, the device ultimately accomplishes much more than nostalgic kitsch. **STEVE GOW**

Crime



Trance

Director. Danny Boyle

Stars. James McAvoy, Vincent Cassel, Rosario Dawson

Director Danny Boyle's film about an amnesiac (James McAvoy) who sees a hypnotist (Rosario Dawson) to uncover his memories of a valuable, stolen painting brings together film noir, psychological drama and thrills in one twisty-turny story. This is stylish, disorienting filmmaking that disguises what's real and what isn't. Occasionally, however, it feels as though there are too many bends in the story. No spoilers here — but the old saying, "Buy the ticket, take the ride," applies. **RICHARD CROUSE**

Drama



The Place Beyond the Pines

Director. Derek Cianfrance

Stars. Ryan Gosling, Bradley Cooper, Eva Mendes

Cianfrance's backwoods grand opera traces a tragic event as it ripples over nearly 20 years. Gosling is extraordinary as a disturbed jittery drifter/bank robber who can charm a crying baby. Cooper appears an hour in for one brief, violent exchange with Gosling and the story becomes his. This 140-minute moral cat-and-mouse game is smart and intriguing, with a unique structure, a restrained, effective script and masterful direction, and top notch performances at every level. **ANNE BRODIE**

Documentary



Revolution

Director. Rob Stewart

Saving the world is a lofty goal for a documentary, but that's not stopping Rob Stewart from trying with Revolution. After championing the cause against shark finning in Sharkwater, Stewart realized that saving sharks was just the tip of the iceberg; ocean acidification would wipe out pretty much everything in the water unless we seriously alter our lifestyles. As altruistic as his cause is, as a film, Revolution is flimsy at best. The narrative, part travelogue, part nature film, is muddled. Stewart throws out facts like moral thunderbolts but does a poor job of summing his position. **IAN GORMELY**

Saving the world, one film at a time

"Revolution is a film about how humans are going to survive the next hundred years. We follow life as a character through 3.5 billion years of evolution, five mass extinctions that almost wiped life off the face of the planet, culminating in humans in the midst of another one of these extinctions."

Documentary filmmaker Rob Stewart on his high stakes new movie, Revolution. **IAN GORMELY/METRO**



On the lam with Redford

The Company You Keep. Actor talks Weather Underground and gets philosophical about searching for the truth in journalism

MATT PRIGGE
Metro World News in New York

The Company You Keep, the ninth film Robert Redford has directed — and only the third he has starred in as well — concerns former members of the Weather Underground, the militant, and sometimes violent, anti-Vietnam War organization.

A longtime Hollywood liberal, Redford has spoken of the film's political nature elsewhere. But today he discusses its other aspects.

"If you had to break it down in terms of which (theme) is more important, the one for my character is obvious: the love of his daughter," he explains.

When the Feds start rounding up ex-members responsible for a violent bank robbery, Redford's character, who's innocent of those charges, goes on

the lam to clear his name.

"What happens when you're passionate and totally committed to something in your youth, and then that evaporates? You grow out of that position and you're still stuck because of the trap you created for yourself when you were young. What is the cost of that? (The film is) not about that event that took place in 1970. That's the kickoff. It's about their lives right now."

When journalists talk to Redford, inevitably All the President's Men, the 1976 film about the revelation of Watergate, comes up.

"That was not about Watergate. That was not about President Nixon," he maintains.

"It was about those two guys and the work that they did. I wanted to put a light on something I didn't think many people knew about, which is: how do journalists work? How do they get a story?"

The film's portrait of journalism doesn't quite mesh with today.

"(Journalism has) changed so drastically, because of the democratization of information. Anyone can put something up. So now it's harder and harder to find what the truth is," he says, pointing out that there's less regulation of



Robert Redford is a man trying to clear his name in The Company You Keep. **HANDOUT**

the press now.

"The rules that governed journalism when I was younger said you had to get two people to go on record before you could quote a source. That's gone. What took it away was the need

to compete. You had to scoop. Sometimes you couldn't wait around to do the ethical thing. You had to jump to get ahead of the next guy. It makes Watergate look like a piece of history. It can't come back."



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Chris O'Dowd stars in *The Sapphires*, which opens next week. HANDOUT

No achy breaky hearts for Chris O'Dowd

The Sapphires. Actor's attitude toward country music parallels his character's beliefs about the genre

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"Country and western music," says Chris O'Dowd, "is a very easy thing to deride."

In *The Sapphires* O'Dowd plays an Irish musician playing piano in Australia's outback bars in exchange for beer money. His life is spiralling downward until he discovers a group made up of four of tal-

ented Indigenous Australian sisters. Trouble is, he doesn't like the music they sing.

"When I met you," he says in the film, "you were doing all country and western things and that's fine, we all make mistakes."

For O'Dowd that speech was art imitating life. "My dad played guitar in pubs playing country and western music," he says. "So I feel like the whole speech I do about country and western music is something that has been pent up in me since I was 14. Carrying his guitar case to listen to bad Merle Haggard tracks."

"Country and western music is huge in Ireland. I don't know why. It's all Kris Kristofferson and a bit of Wil-

lie Nelson and Clint Black. Dad was really into it. Maybe it's that country and western has some origins in bluegrass and bluegrass has origins in Irish music. There's something going on there. And Irish people love a good whine. We're great at it."

In the film he convinces the girls to trade country for soul music and shapes them into a version of *The Supremes*.

"I wrote this speech about how country music is about loss, but soul music is also about loss — you've lost but you haven't given up — and that has a nice payoff in the film."

"Country music is kind of whiny," he says. "He left me, now what am I going to do

with my life? Whereas soul music is like, 'I'm going to get that bugger back.' It's nice. It's a nice turning point in the film where we're not going to feel sorry for ourselves. That's an important element for the entire story. About moving on."

Thinking back on his teenage years, he speculates if his attitude might have been different if dear old dad had sung a different kind of music.

"I wonder if he had been an amazing Al Green-esque songster if I would have still said, 'This is so lame.' I wonder sometimes with people whose parents are cool. I've been working with Rashida Jones recently and I'm like, 'How can you not think your dad is cool?'"

Canada's first 3D animated feature

When it comes to 3D animated features, it's hard to compete with the mammoth releases of Pixar and DreamWorks.

So in tackling the Inuit-themed drama *The Legend of Sarila*, Quebec director Nancy Florence Savard decided she wouldn't even try.

Her debut movie is billed as Canada's first-ever 3D animated feature film, and makes its mark with a strong visual signature that Savard says sets it apart from slick Hollywood offerings.

"We knew that we couldn't do something the same as what they were doing. But we knew also that people would compare us because it's an ani-

mation movie," says Savard, describing her \$8.5-million film as more akin in spirit to the National Film Board.

"We chose where we will put our energy, and we knew that we didn't have that much money. So instead of trying to do a technology (heavy) movie we said, 'OK, we'll do an artistic movie.'"

The Legend of Sarila follows three young Inuit friends who make a last-ditch attempt to save their clan from famine by heading out in search of a fabled land where game and food is plentiful.

Among them is the budding shaman Markussi, voiced by Dustin Milligan, whose increas-

ing powers threaten the status of his community's revered aging shaman Croolik, voiced by Christopher Plummer.

Savard credits the Oscar-winning Plummer with giving the film celebrity heft. But he also infused the villainous Croolik with some much-needed nuance.

"When Christopher Plummer said, 'Yes,' I was really shocked, I was really surprised, I was really happy about that," says Savard, who began her career at the television music channel MusiquePlus, Radio-Canada, Astral and TVA.

The Legend of Sarila — recommended for kids age eight and up — opens Friday in To-



A scene from the 3D animated film *Legend of Sarila*. HANDOUT

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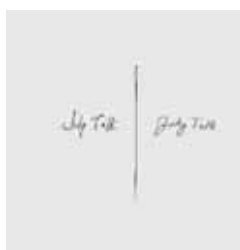
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You may not have heard of any of these bands yet, but if they keep up work like this, you will



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People who saw this young Canadian band at Canadian Music Week are still raving about them. Tom Waits would be extremely proud.



Escape/ Nightmare Air

The buzz on these people was deafening and it's only going to get louder now that their debut record, High in the Lasers, is out. Long live noise rock!



Blue Collar Jane/The Strypes

The average age of this Irish band is 15-years-old. You will be hearing more about them this year, especially since they have the official Dave Grohl seal of approval.



Beyoncé and Jay-Z on a recent trip to Cuba. RAMON ESPINOSA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jay-Z addresses his critics

New song. Rapper pens Open Letter after his recent trip to communist country comes under fire

Jay-Z is defending his recent trip to Cuba in a new song. He released Open Letter

Thursday after two Florida Republican lawmakers questioned if his visit to Havana with wife Beyoncé was officially licensed.

On the song, Jay-Z raps about his distaste for politicians and says, "Want to give me jail time and a fine, let me commit a real crime."

U.S. Treasury officials said Tuesday the couple's trip was licensed as an educational ex-

change.

Jay-Z and Beyoncé are avid supporters of President Barack Obama. Jay-Z raps in his song, "Obama said, 'Chill, you gon' get me impeached, you don't need this (expletive) anyway, chill with me on the beach.'"

U.S. citizens are not allowed to travel to Cuba for mere tourism.

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Up close and personal with a singing legend

Q&A. Julio Iglesias speaks candidly about his latest album and turning the big 7-0

In Julio Iglesias' recipe for success, talent is only a tiny ingredient. And although the Spanish crooner says singing was not an innate gift for him, he says he's gotten better — and he wants to show that to fans with his latest album.

"Good timing is the first thing you need in order to achieve success," says one of the 10 bestselling Latin artists in history. "Then you need good luck and then a little talent ... and a lot of passion, a lot of drive, and discipline."

In a recent interview at his luxurious house on the island of Indian Creek, Iglesias spoke about the reasons he recorded 1 — Greatest Hits, a double CD with songs he made popular in English, Spanish, French and Italian, like Begin the Beguine (Volver a Empezar), Crazy, Hey, Me Olvide de Vivir, and Me Va, Me Va.

"I wanted to be practical

and sing better the songs that deserved to be better sung," he said.

He also said he didn't care much about critics anymore and spoke about his fear of sleep and his next birthday.

What would you like to say with this album?

Nothing. I want to make things better. I want people to know that I sing better, that sound today is a lot better. I don't want anyone to hide my voice in 20 years and put the orchestra they want in. I don't want anyone to do dirty tricks with my music. I want to do it myself.

Have you sacrificed time with you family for your career?

Not at all. My family has all the time in the world. My family lives the way it lives because I have this time marginalized for them, not in a sense of reproach, but happiness. All my children and all my direct family must be really happy that I spent less time (with them).

What makes you happy?

(Silence) No, no, happiness for



Julio Iglesias says good timing is the ticket to success. GETTY IMAGES

me is not a special motivation. There are things way more important than happiness. Emotion is much more important ... Excitement and passion is 100 times better than happiness.

And what excites you?

Many things. Waking up, that excites me a lot because I don't

like to sleep.

What makes you go on?

Discipline. Success.

Are you afraid to lose it?

Not anymore. The only thing I'm going to lose at this point is life. It's not a very modest answer, but it is a fair one.

After three generations, there will always be a place where I can sing for 10 people at any club in Stockholm or any little corner of your country in Syria. There will always be a moment, there will always be people for me.

You turn 70 this year. Is this

No stopping him

"After three generations, there will always be a place where I can sing for 10 people at any club in Stockholm or any little corner of your country in Syria."

Julio Iglesias

something special or just one more number for you?

It is crap. 70 years. (He pauses). Not an easy number, 70. Nor was easy 60, or even 50. I think I haven't had an easy number because I've had to learn how to live continuously. I wasn't born knowing. There are people who are born with everything in place but I was born with all the pieces separated and I have been putting them together. And now that I'm 70 I am approaching that crossroad where many things get completed. And I don't want to get things completed, because the day I do I will get screwed.

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New music. Quebec band over the moon with their latest run of success



Quebec band Half Moon Run are Canada's latest buzz band. HANDOUT

Opening for popular British band Mumford & Sons on the band's current tour has been a heady experience for Montreal's Half Moon Run.

"It's extraordinary," says Dylan Phillips, who does triple duty as keyboardist, drummer and singer with the Montreal-based pop rockers. "We've played in the biggest halls of our lives."

Like when excited fans packed the Anvers Sportpaleis in Belgium.

"The Mumford fans were crazy, so they were there very early," Phillips recalled in a telephone interview from Germany. "At the end of our set, there were already 18,000 people there. It was a little scary but it went well."

In Amsterdam, Half Moon Run was invited on stage by the show's stars.

"They asked us to join them on stage to play The Weight. The other opening band was there too. Everyone had instruments. It was memorable."

Mumford's Ben Lovett spotted Half Moon Run at a show in London — an event Phillips describes as their "first buzz" on British soil — and asked the group if they'd like to tour.

"I knew a lot of bands wanted that gig," Phillips said.

Upcoming shows

Half Moon Run will also open for the Icelandic group Of Monsters & Men in Oakland and Kansas City as well as at a May 24 show in Montreal.

- **Shows.** They will be in Toronto at Echo Beach the next day with Of Monsters & Men as well as Sam Roberts for an open-air festival.

As if to put the cherry on top, Lovett signed them with his Communion label. Half Moon Run already have a foot in Australia with Indica Australia/MGM.

Fans of the European scene, Half Moon Run's has a busy schedule, alternating between performances with Mumford & Sons and bookings in smaller venues.

Hailing from Ontario and British Columbia, the members of Half Moon Run met in Montreal when they were students.

About a year after the Canadian release of *Dark Eyes*, their first album, international interest began to grow.

Now it seems they barely have time to catch their breath. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

10 years later, surprise stars will Give Up again

Interview. Jimmy Tamborello, formerly of Postal Service, will reunite with Ben Gibbard for an anniversary tour of their smash hit album

A decade ago, Death Cab for Cutie's Ben Gibbard and electronic producer Jimmy Tamborello teamed as the Postal Service and ascended to unlikely heights with their lone album *Give Up*.

Give Up is being reissued

How to connect

"I think it has this intimate quality just because of the way we made it and the fact that it was made in our bedrooms and mixed by us."

Jimmy Tamborello

On why *Give Up* was received so well

with a deluxe 10th anniversary edition Tuesday, the same day the pair launches a reunion tour that will wind through Toronto's Air Canada Centre on June 11 and Vancouver's Rogers Arena on July 16.

The soft-spoken Tamborello, best-known for recording solo under the Dntel

moniker, recently spoke about the initial collaboration, seeing its progression and why *Give Up* connected.

Originally, this partnership between you and Ben came about pretty organically, didn't it?

Yeah, definitely. There was never like a deadline or anything unfun about the process. It was all real relaxed. Getting to know somebody while making a poppy record.

What did you like about working with Ben?

The fact that we were doing it through the mail made it different than most collaborations, because we just weren't around each other.

And we didn't know each other super well when we started, so maybe in the beginning it was a little bit more reserved.

Like, I didn't want to say: "Oh, I don't like that." And I think he was the same way. (But) I think we

liked what each other was doing.

Did you suspect early on that it would be such a phenomenon? If not, when did you start to think that way?

No, I think both of us didn't really know how people would take it. It's totally surprising how many people got into it.

First thing, we did a tour in the U.S. right when the album came out, and in the beginning of the tour, the shows were pretty small. And as we travelled, the shows ahead of us kept getting moved to bigger venues and most of the shows were selling out.

Why do you think *Give Up* connected to the extent that it did?

I feel like I try to answer that one a lot and I never have a really good answer for it. I think it has this intimate quality just because of the way we made it and the fact that it was made in our bedrooms and mixed by us. The fact that it's such a small production makes the melancholy emotional part of it seem more real or genuine. But also, just kind of accidentally, the music came out poppier than I think we even meant it to. So I think that helped too.

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Postal Service band members Ben Gibbard, left and Jimmy Tamborello are back together for a reunion tour. BRIAN TAMBORELLO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Come on! Top 5 recurring jokes on Arrested Development

TV. Fan sites dedicated to Arrested Development have catalogued dozens of beloved recurring jokes, so coming up with a short list isn't easy. But here are five of the most memorable jokes that have popped up repeatedly and may re-emerge for season four, on Netflix starting May 26.

"Come on!"

It's mostly Gob's catchphrase but several characters have enthusiastically barked out the famous one-liner throughout the series in a pique of frustration.

"I've made a huge mistake"

Another line that's repeatedly uttered by Gob but is borrowed by other characters. The recurring gag is made funnier when Gob says to Michael in an episode, "I've never admitted to a mistake."



Chicken taunts

It's a family tradition to taunt and mock a fellow Bluth by clucking and dancing like a chicken in their face. Nearly everyone in the family has been seen doing it, with their own personal style, although none do it very well. "Has anyone in this family even seen a chicken?" says Michael Bluth, played by Jason Bateman, in one episode.

Never nude

Seasons one and two are littered with references to the affliction suffered by Tobias Fünke, played by David Cross, who can't bring himself to be naked.

Next time/Previously on Arrested Development

Some of the funniest quick laughs come during the "Previously on" and "Next time on" segments that bookend episodes — and are typically filled with non sequiturs that completely stray from the show's real storylines.

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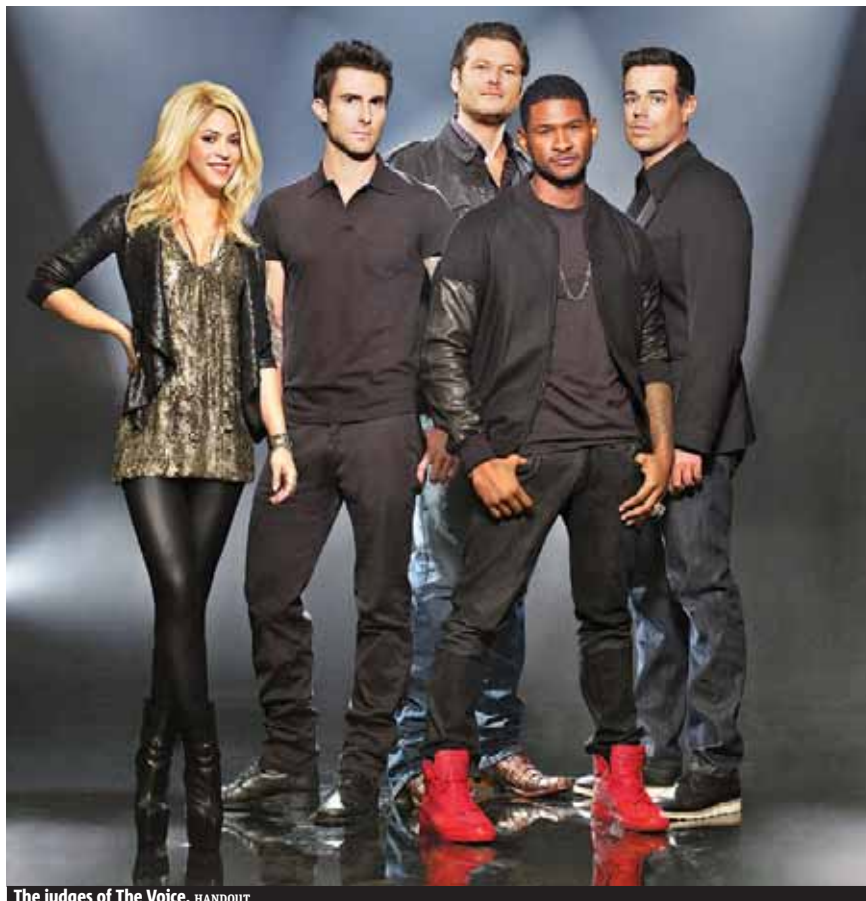


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The judges of The Voice. HANDOUT

More than one familiar Voice from the past

Television. While there are plenty of new faces on the NBC singing show, there are a few familiar ones as well

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Metro World News

Keeping up with the many seasons of various singing competitions is a tall task (you have to commit two nights of your TV-watching week, and once you find a contestant to root for, he or she could be gone the next week) — but when The Voice came back late last month for its fourth season, there were a few familiar faces along with the new ones.

Veteran judges Adam Levine and Blake Shelton welcomed newbies Shakira and Usher to the judges table, but there was also a mix of old and new amongst the contestants during the premiere's blind auditions.

Contestant Garrett Gardner says he didn't let previous seasons' disappointment stand in the way of auditioning again.

"I took into account what, in particular, Blake had told me — because he was really the one who gave me some really harsh but much-needed constructive criticism," says the 17-year-old singer, who wowed Shakira enough with his version of the White Stripes' Seven Nation Army to make it onto her team.

Holly Tucker is also no stranger to The Voice. The Tex-

Constructive criticism

"I've been judged in the past and it's something that you just have to get a thick skin and learn to deal with — which is what I think I've done over the past years."

Holly Tucker, contestant on The Voice

an, who made it onto Blake's team, auditioned for season one of the competition. Tucker says she values that the judges couldn't see her while she sang.

"I've been judged in the past and it's something that you just have to get a thick skin and learn to deal with — which is what I think I've done over the past years," she says.

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Metro staff description
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Some thought the partnership with HBO was “weird” but the “tasty” blonde ale is “crisp” and “like a girl beer a guy won’t be embarrassed to drink.” Although one did wonder, “Is this just Blue Moon in a fancy bottle?” **METRO**

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Rihanna and Chris Brown. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Couple of the year shockingly having relationship trouble

Reports that Rihanna and Chris Brown have broken up might not exactly be accurate, but that doesn't mean the couple is happy, according to Us Weekly.

A source tells the magazine that while the pair hasn't actually split up, they are fighting all the time.

"Every second it's a blow-up and then full-on in love," the source says. "She's tour-

ing and working her ass off, and he's working his off in the studio," and those busy schedules are adding to the stress.

Rihanna is even using work to vent some of her frustrations, asking an audience at an L.A. concert this week, "How many of you are in love? How many of you hate love? ... I'm in that group. The confused group."

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Kristen Stewart crashes a little kid's party—sort of



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Look. I know the members of Hanson are old and they have, like, 23 kids between them (even the baby drummer has procreated—twice).

I've interviewed them several times and the voice on the other end wasn't prepubescent (they are also supersensitive to people thinking they are teenagers, something I learned the hard way when I squealed, "You are so grown up!" to them.)

I've even listened to their later albums. What I'm saying is: I know they are old and capable of partying.

But when I read on E! News that Kristen Stewart decided to celebrate her 23rd birthday by crashing a record release party for the band at L.A. nightclub No Vacancy, my first thought was, "What is KStew doing with a bunch of eight-year-olds?"

Apparently, if you broke out as a little person, I will always consider you a little person (don't get me



started on Lil' Bow Wow.)

Anyway, according to E!, the birthday girl arrived around 11 p.m. with Robert Pattinson and about 10 friends in tow, though it was unclear if they knew ahead of time about the band's party.

"They weren't overly affectionate or anything, but at points they were standing together as they talked to friends," a source says of Stewart and Pattinson.

And then Hanson played pin-the-tail on the donkey, ate confetti cake and all three had temper tantrums when they were told it was bedtime. I'm so sorry, Hanson. Next interview we do together, impress me with your 401K plan and maybe I'll wrap my head around the fact of your aging.



Madonna

Madonna feud heating up

Madonna's ongoing feud with Malawi President Joyce Banda isn't getting any better, with Banda now blasting the singer for reportedly demanding expedited travel privileges for herself and her entourage for a recent visit to the country, according to Yahoo! News.

"Granted, Madonna

is a famed international musician," Banda says in a statement. "But that does not impose an injunction of obligation on any government under whose territory Madonna finds herself, including Malawi, to give her state treatment. Such treatment, even if she deserved it, is discretionary."

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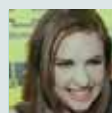
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Liquid Assets

The wrap on Pinot grigio



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Much like a human union, when it comes to food and wine, the bride often comes with an entourage that can't be ignored.

Big holiday meals are a classic example. Though the turkey might be the star of the show, every side dish puts its two cents worth into how successful the outcome of the liquid pairing will be.

Wraps create an everyday conundrum. They're sort of like an elaborate meal rolled into one conveniently edible package.

This week's lead recipe combines smoked salmon (that works with many wines, from a pinot noir red to a white, german off-dry riesling), creamy avocado (a chardonnay fan) and capers (which prefer a rosé).

The trick is to find a harmonious middle ground, and with this dish, all roads lead to pinot grigio. Typically a light, lean, easy-going style of white wine, it meets many ingredients

halfway. With its subtle honeyed flavour and citrusy backbone, Mezzacorona's 2012 Pinot Grigio (\$11.95 to \$15.99) has a bit more heft than the average PG, making it a versatile wrap wine.

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On a (healthy) roll with smoked salmon

Smoked Salmon, Cheese, Avocado and Caper Wrap. Looking for a light lunch idea? Try this refreshing combination with a unique cheese twist



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My version of a lox and cream cheese sandwich has fewer calories, less fat, and more interesting and tasty ingredients! The light ricotta and cream cheese combination is the key substitute for regular cream cheese.

1. Purée the ricotta, cream cheese, goat cheese, mayon-

Ingredients

- 1/3 cup smooth light ricotta
- 2 tbsp light cream cheese
- 1/3 cup goat cheese
- 2 tbsp light mayonnaise
- 2 tsp freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- 1/2 tsp crushed fresh garlic
- pinch freshly ground black pepper
- 4 large tortillas (preferably whole wheat)
- 4 pieces leafy lettuce
- 4 oz smoked salmon, diced
- 1/2 cup diced red onion
- 1/2 cup diced ripe avocado
- 1 tbsp capers



This recipe serves eight. LORELLA VANETTI, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

naise, lemon juice, mustard, garlic and pepper in a small food processor, or with a hand beater, until smooth.

2. Divide the cheese mixture among the tortillas, spreading it to 1/4 inch from the edges. Place the lettuce over-

3. Scatter the salmon, onion, avocado and capers over the lettuce. Roll the bottom of each tortilla up and over the filling, fold in the sides and roll the tortilla up tightly. Cut in half before serving.

ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

Nutritional analysis

Per serving: 124 calories; 7 g protein; 6.1 g fat; 2.1 g saturated fat; 14 g carbohydrates; 12 mg cholesterol; 324 mg sodium; 1.8 g fibre

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Thou shalt attend!

Nudge nudge wink wink! There's Python-esque fun Saturday night as The Citadel and Metro Cinema host a showing of Monty Python and the Holy Grail. Guests are invited to dress as their favourite knight or the Lady of the Lake for a chance to win tickets to the Citadel's coming production of Spamalot: The Musical. Actors will be on hand for a silly song or two from the show. Tickets are \$10 adults, \$8 students, \$6 for kids, at the door. Garneau Theatre, 8712 109 St. Saturday at 7 p.m.



You made that?

I vaguely remember being in Junior Achievement as a teen, crafting both a wooden gizmo and a business plan on how to sell it. That's still the premise of this popular business program — teaching teens the basics of product sales and marketing. On Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., West Edmonton Mall is the site for the Junior Achievement trade show, a one-day chance for student companies to sell products to the public. You're sure to find plenty one-of-a-kind items. Near Chapters at WEM.



Hollerin' for Holly

Fans of Holly Cole — a well-loved Canadian chanteuse of jazz, standards and pop classics — don't have to wait any longer to hear her sultry musical sounds. The songbird and her oh-so-talented band on piano, bass and sax take over the Myer Horowitz Theatre Monday at 8 p.m. Singing songs by Sarah Vaughan and Billie Holiday, as well as her own remake of I Can See Clearly Now, Cole has a rich catalogue to choose from, and fans can hardly wait. Tickets are \$45 at ticketmaster.ca. The show takes place at the U of A campus, 8900 114 St.



Spicy Street treats

Bourbon Street in West Edmonton Mall is a signature space — a lively and colourful meeting spot for Edmontonians, and a sure bet for good eats. There's even more reason to be there Thursday, April 18 when the restaurants along the street present Taste of Bourbon Street. For just a buck per taste ticket, guests of all ages can sample an eclectic mix of food and drink, saunter the boulevard and take in the live entertainment. Make like you're in N'awlins. Well, at least for a few hours. The event goes from 4 to 9 p.m.



Mom and Pop and Dora — oh my!

Yep, there's bouncy castles and face painting — even appearances from Dora the Explorer and Thomas the Train. The Mom, Pop and Tots fair takes over the Edmonton Expo Centre Friday and Saturday with fun for the wee ones: dance, chalk art and hands-on fun with critters of all sorts. Parents will enjoy a respite at the on-site farmers' market too. Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets at the door.



A song for springtime

Do you fancy a formal night out? You're in luck, as the ESO tackles Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony Friday and Saturday night at the Winspear. The evenings are led by guest conductor José Luis Gómez, but the nights also belong to UK pianist Benjamin Grosvenor (Schumann's Piano Concerto in A Minor) and Alberta composer Allan Gordon Bell, who presents a premiere contemporary work. Tickets are \$20-\$79 at the Winspear box office: 780-428-1414.

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NHL

Marleau leads Sharks in grounding Wings

Patrick Marleau scored the winner in the shootout and had a short-handed goal early in the game, lifting the San Jose Sharks to a 3-2 win over the Detroit Red Wings on Thursday night.

Antti Niemi, who made 27 saves through overtime, got his glove on Niklas Kronwall's slapshot with 44 seconds left in the extra period, giving the Sharks a chance in the shootout.

The Red Wings, clinging to the eighth and final playoff spot in the West, are hoping to extend the franchise's streak of consecutive post-season appearances to 22, but have lost five of their last seven games. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

You Can Play

NHL, NHLPA partner to combat homophobia

The NHL and National Hockey League Players' Association have partnered with the You Can Play Project, an advocacy organization fighting homophobia in sports.

The You Can Play Project was founded by Philadelphia Flyers scout Patrick Burke in March 2012 in memory of Brendan Burke, Patrick's younger brother and the son of former NHL GM Brian Burke.

You Can Play will conduct seminars at the NHL's rookie symposium and make its resources and personnel available to each individual team as desired.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Oilers face a slippery slope rounding out D



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Barring a stunning run and some fantastic luck, the Edmonton Oilers will once again miss the playoffs. Is there hope for next year? Sure, and not just for the customary lottery pick. In fact, if the Oilers use their final stretch of games to prove just how close they are to being a threat, Edmonton won't even come close to the No. 1 pick overall in the lottery — and yes, that's a good thing at this point.

Right now, all that is left is to look at that near future. The entire young core of the franchise is locked up through next year, with only Sam Gagner and, depending on your opinion as a fan, Magnus Paajarvi due to re-up as restricted free agents.

Once again, the biggest concern will be on defence. Andy Sutton never could return from injury and early retirement is unfortunately on the horizon. Ryan Whitney has been used more by coach Ralph Krueger lately and it will be interesting to see what happens with the affable vet. He has one year left on his contract, so he's not exactly an anchor, but at the same time he was scratched for long stretches this season. Do you buy him out, hope for a full turnaround, or deal him early to a team in need of a blue-liner?

Right now, the Oilers have about \$12 million of cap space left for next season with 16 players signed. Gagner and



One year remains on defenceman Ryan Whitney's contract, but what do the Oilers do with him? GETTY IMAGES FILE

Paajarvi would take up at least half that, but the bottom of the roster can be filled out pretty cheaply from there. Mark Fistric has brought a nice dimension to the team, so expect the Oilers to try to retain his services. Fistric is unrestricted, however, so there

will be competitors out there.

Even if both Whitney and Fistric return, this club is at least one more solid blue-liner away from being complete. Based on the cap, that's probably going to have to happen through trade. Can the Oilers make up for that

with firewagon offence and increasingly solid play in net from Devan Dubnyk? Possibly. And with the salary cap going down, other NHL teams will be forced to make some tough roster decisions. If the Oilers can take advantage of that, all the better.

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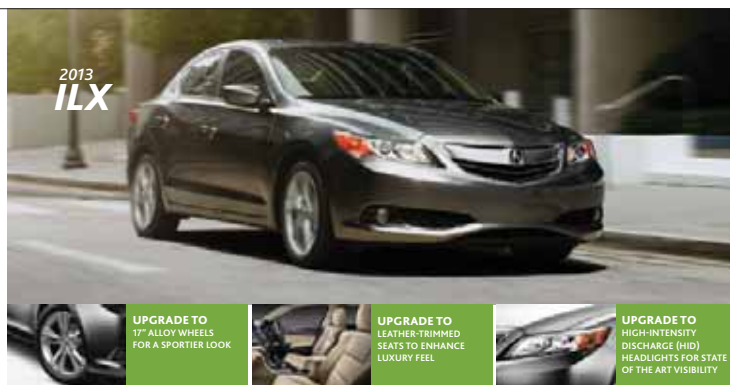
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Tigers jump all over Jays starter Johnson

MLB. New Toronto pitcher surrenders six runs in the shortest start of his career

Josh Johnson put his team in another tough spot with one of the worst outings of his career.

The Toronto right-hander was knocked out of the game in the second inning Thursday — the latest poor start by a Blue Jays pitcher — and the Detroit Tigers rolled to an 11-1 win at chilly Comerica Park.

Miguel Cabrera tripled, scored twice and even stole a base for the Tigers, and Doug Fister (2-0) allowed a run and eight hits in eight innings.

Johnson (0-1) allowed six runs and seven hits in 1 1/3 innings — the shortest start of his career.

"I haven't thrown a slider for a strike yet, and I need that pitch. When I'm throwing it for strikes, it is something that the hitters have to think about, but this is two starts now, and it hasn't happened," Johnson said. "I didn't have anything today. They were all over my curveball for some reason, and the fastball was just hanging over



Toronto Blue Jays pitcher Josh Johnson walks back to the mound after giving up an RBI triple to Detroit Tiger Miguel Cabrera in Detroit on Thursday.
PAUL SANCTA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

On Thursday

11

Tigers

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Blue Jays

the plate."

Prince Fielder had four RBIs and Torii Hunter added three for the Tigers.

The temperature at game time was 2 C, the coldest for a Detroit home game since

1996, according to STATS.

"It certainly was uncomfortable pitching out there today, but look what the other guy did," Johnson said.

The Blue Jays have not lived up to early expectations because of poor pitching. Their starters are now 1-4 with a 7.59 ERA.

Toronto, a chic pick to win the AL East after acquiring Johnson and other stars in the off-season, has lost three straight series to start the year for the first time since 1978. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

MLB. Severed goat's head left outside Wrigley Field

The Chicago Cubs found a severed goat's head at Wrigley Field on Wednesday, and they're treating the reference to a longtime curse as a crime.

Chicago police were called in to investigate after a man stopped the white van he was driving, walked a box to a security entrance on Waveland Avenue and put it down, Cubs spokesman Julian Green said. In 1945, a tavern owner named William "Billy Goat" Sianis

Quoted

"Obviously, it's just an unfortunate fan doing something pretty stupid."

Cubs manager Dale Sveum

tried to bring a goat to a World Series game, but was told his goat — which had a ticket — smelled too much to be admitted. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

NHL

Canadiens lock up playoff spot

Peter Budaj stopped 14 shots, and the Montreal Canadiens clinched a playoff berth and regained the Northeast Division lead with a 5-1 win over the Buffalo Sabres on Thursday night.

P.K. Subban and Andrei Markov had a goal and assist each, and Rene Bourque, Alex Galchenyuk and Brendan Gallagher also scored for the Canadiens. In earning its fourth post-season berth in five years, Montreal is returning to the playoffs after bottoming out last year. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

NHL

Volchenkov to sit out Devils' next 4 games for elbow

New Jersey Devils defenceman Anton Volchenkov was suspended for four games by the NHL for elbowing Boston Bruins forward Brad Marchand in the head.

The league announced the suspension Thursday, roughly 12 hours after the second-period hit left Marchand wobbling in the Bruins' 5-4 win at the Prudential Center. He did not return.

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NBA

Wade appears ready for return to Heat lineup

Dwyane Wade plans to return to the Miami Heat lineup on Friday, after missing six straight contests because of right knee soreness.

Wade told The Associated Press that his knee is healthy enough for him to play again and that he expects to play in both Friday's game against the Boston Celtics and Sunday's matchup against the Chicago Bulls, barring any setbacks.

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NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Miami	62	16	.795	—
y-New York	51	27	.654	11
y-Indiana	49	29	.628	13
x-Brooklyn	46	32	.590	16
x-Chicago	43	35	.551	19
x-Atlanta	43	36	.544	19½
x-Boston	40	38	.513	22
x-Milwaukee	37	41	.474	25
Philadelphia	31	47	.397	31
Toronto	30	48	.385	32
Washington	29	50	.367	33½
Detroit	27	52	.342	35½
Cleveland	24	54	.308	38
Orlando	20	59	.253	42½
Charlotte	18	60	.231	44

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Oklahoma City	57	21	.731	—
y-San Antonio	57	21	.731	—
x-Denver	54	24	.692	3
y-L.A. Clippers	52	26	.667	5
x-Memphis	53	25	.679	4
x-Golden State	45	33	.577	12
x-Houston	44	34	.564	13
L.A. Lakers	42	37	.532	15½
Utah	41	38	.519	16½
Dallas	38	40	.487	19
Portland	33	45	.423	24
Minnesota	29	49	.372	28
Sacramento	28	50	.359	29
New Orleans	27	52	.342	30½
Phoenix	24	55	.304	33½

x — clinched playoff berth y — clinched division z — clinched conference

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

Chicago 118 New York 111 (OT)
Oklahoma City at Golden State
FRIDAY'S GAMES — All Times Eastern
Chicago at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Brooklyn at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Washington, 7 p.m.
New York at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Memphis at Houston, 8 p.m.
Denver at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Sacramento at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Utah, 9 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Portland, 10 p.m.
Golden State at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pt
y-Pittsburgh	41	31	10	0	0	138	101	62
x-Montreal	40	26	9	3	2	127	95	57
Washington	41	22	17	2	0	123	113	46
Boston	40	26	10	2	2	114	87	56
Toronto	40	22	13	0	5	123	112	49
Ottawa	40	20	14	2	4	99	89	46
NY Islanders	41	21	16	3	1	119	121	46
NY Rangers	40	20	16	0	4	99	96	44
Winnipeg	42	21	19	0	2	109	123	44
New Jersey	40	15	15	3	7	96	111	40
Buffalo	41	16	19	2	4	107	127	38
Philadelphia	40	17	20	1	2	108	125	37
Tampa Bay	40	17	21	0	2	127	122	36
Carolina	40	16	22	1	1	103	129	34
Florida	40	13	21	5	1	98	139	32

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pt
x-Chicago	39	30	5	0	4	129	83	64
Anaheim	41	27	9	2	3	124	103	59
Vancouver	40	23	11	1	5	109	96	52
San Jose	40	21	12	3	4	101	100	49
St. Louis	39	23	14	1	1	109	98	48
Los Angeles	40	22	14	1	3	115	101	48
Minnesota	40	22	16	1	1	103	100	46
Detroit	40	19	15	3	3	101	104	44
Phoenix	40	18	16	2	4	108	107	42
Dallas	39	19	17	2	1	109	118	41
Columbus	40	17	16	3	4	95	104	41
Edmonton	40	16	17	4	3	102	111	39
Nashville	41	15	18	2	6	96	110	38
Calgary	39	14	21	1	3	103	138	32
Colorado	40	13	22	4	1	94	125	31

x — clinched playoff berth y — clinched division

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

Ottawa 3 Philadelphia 1
NY Islanders 2 Boston 1
Washington 3 Carolina 1
Pittsburgh 6 Tampa Bay 3
San Jose 3 Detroit 2 (SO)
Montreal 5 Buffalo 1
St. Louis 2 Minnesota 0
Winnipeg 7 Florida 2
Colorado at Los Angeles
WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
NY Rangers 3 Toronto 2 (SO)
Boston 5 New Jersey 4
Phoenix 3 Edmonton 1
Vancouver 4 Calgary 1
Colorado 4 Anaheim 1
FRIDAY'S GAMES — All Times Eastern
Ottawa at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Calgary, 9 p.m.

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	5	4	.556	—
Boston	5	4	.556	—
New York	4	4	.500	½
Tampa Bay	4	5	.444	1
Toronto	3	6	.333	2

CENTRAL DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	6	3	.667	—
Detroit	5	4	.556	1
Chicago	4	5	.444	2
Minnesota	4	5	.444	2
Cleveland	3	5	.375	2½

WEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	7	2	.778	—
Texas	6	3	.667	1
Seattle	4	6	.400	3½
Houston	3	6	.333	4
Los Angeles	2	6	.250	4½

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Detroit 11 Toronto 1
N.Y. Yankees at Cleveland (ppd.)
Baltimore 3 Boston 2
Oakland at L.A. Angels
Texas at Seattle

FRIDAY'S GAMES — All Times Eastern
Chicago White Sox (Quintana 0-0) at Cleveland (Masterson 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Gonzalez 1-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Cobb 1-0) at Boston (Doubront 0-0), 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Niese 1-0) at Minnesota (Worley 0-1), 8:10 p.m.
Toronto (Happ 1-0) at Kansas City (Mendoza 0-0), 8:10 p.m.
Detroit (Scherzer 1-0) at Oakland (Colon 1-0), 10:05 p.m.
Houston (Norris 1-1) at L.A. Angels (Hanson 1-0), 10:05 p.m.
Texas (Darvish 2-0) at Seattle (Iwakuma 1-0), 10:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
THURSDAY'S RESULTS
San Francisco 7 Chicago Cubs 6
Washington 7 Chicago White Sox 4
L.A. Dodgers at San Diego
FRIDAY'S GAMES — All Times Eastern
San Francisco (Cain 0-1) at Chicago Cubs (Villanueva 0-0), 2:20 p.m.
Cincinnati (Leake 0-0) at Pittsburgh (Burnett 0-2), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Teheran 0-0) at Washington (Detwiler 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Lannan 0-0) at Miami (Nolasco 0-1), 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Lohse 0-0) at St. Louis (Miller 1-0), 8:15 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 2-0) at Arizona (Corbin 1-0), 9:40 p.m.
Colorado (Garland 1-0) at San Diego (Ross 0-1), 10:10 p.m.

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Sergio Garcia tees off on the 17th hole at the Masters on Thursday in Augusta, Ga. Garcia shared the lead with Marc Leishman after shooting a 66 on Day 1. HARRY HOW/GETTY IMAGES

Garcia enjoys lead at Masters 'while it lasts'

Golf. Spaniard shares top spot with Leishman after opening with 66

Sergio Garcia is still chasing that first major title.

It never figured to come at Augusta National.

But there he was Thursday, after a bogey-free opening round, sharing the top spot on the leaderboard at the Masters.

"Obviously, this is not my most favourite place," Garcia said, trying to be diplomatic. "But we try to enjoy it as much as we can every time we come here. Sometimes it comes out better than others. Today was one of those good days. Let's enjoy it while it lasts."

Garcia's 6-under 66 tied him with Aussie Marc Leishman on a cloudy day that was made for going low. The Spaniard took advantage, rekindling memories of the teen phenom who

seemed certain to win numerous major titles after he battled with Tiger Woods at the 1999 PGA Championship, losing by a single stroke.

Garcia has challenged in other majors, but rarely at the Masters — a course that doesn't seem to fit his style or shaky putter. In 14 appearances at Augusta National, he has finished in the top 10 only twice.

This year, Woods is still the favourite after opening with a 70. But it appears he'll have a lot of competition.

"I felt like I putted well today," said Woods, whose only lower opening-round score at Augusta was a 68 in 2010. "We've got a long way to go.... The golf course is going to change dramatically. You've just got to make adjustments."

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"Today was a nice day, one of those days you really enjoy. Hopefully, I'll have three more of those and we'll see what happens on Sunday night."

Sergio Garcia

Guan Tianlang

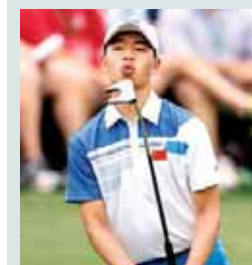
Anything but green at 14

Fourteen-year-old Guan Tianlang is the youngest golfer ever to compete at the Masters.

But he looked more like a veteran Thursday when he shot a 1-over 73 in his debut at Augusta National.

Guan made a 15-footer from off the green to birdie his final hole, getting a standing ovation.

If he plays this way Friday, the eighth-grader from China could set another record as the youngest player to make the cut at the Masters.



14-year-old Guan Tianlang
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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

If someone questions your motives or authority today, you must make it clear to them that you are the boss and you will do as you please. Say it nicely, of course, but make sure they know that you mean it.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Certain people seem to believe you exist solely to look out for their interests. Now is the time to remind them you have needs of your own and that they must come first — always.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You may want to explain your actions to loved ones, though chances are they won't understand so why waste the time. Do what you have to do and let them figure it out.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

What is the one thing you desire above all? Is there a chance you will get it soon? If not, don't give up. Make your plans then take a step in the right direction and keep going.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

The planets will have you rushing around in all directions today. One moment you'll be going this way, the next you'll be going that way, and half an hour later it will be all change again. Time for a vacation.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Why have you allowed your fears to get the better of you? Whatever your problems, you are exaggerating them to such an extent that it is stopping you from taking action. Believe that things will get better.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

It's not like you to get upset over trivial things but you have allowed minor everyday matters to get under your skin. Don't worry, over the weekend you'll find reasons to smile.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

What is destined to happen will happen. The sooner you accept that, the sooner you can start turning events to your advantage. Don't dread the future, welcome it.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Pluto begins one of its retrograde phases today, which warns of confusion in your dealings with powerful people. It may seem as if they are being unreasonable but be patient. Everything will be OK.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Whatever you decide to do today, someone is sure to be unhappy about it. But that must not stop you from taking whatever action you think is correct. Remember: You cannot please everyone.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You will clash with someone whose way of looking at the world is very different from your own, on the surface at least. Dig a little deeper and you may find you are alike.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

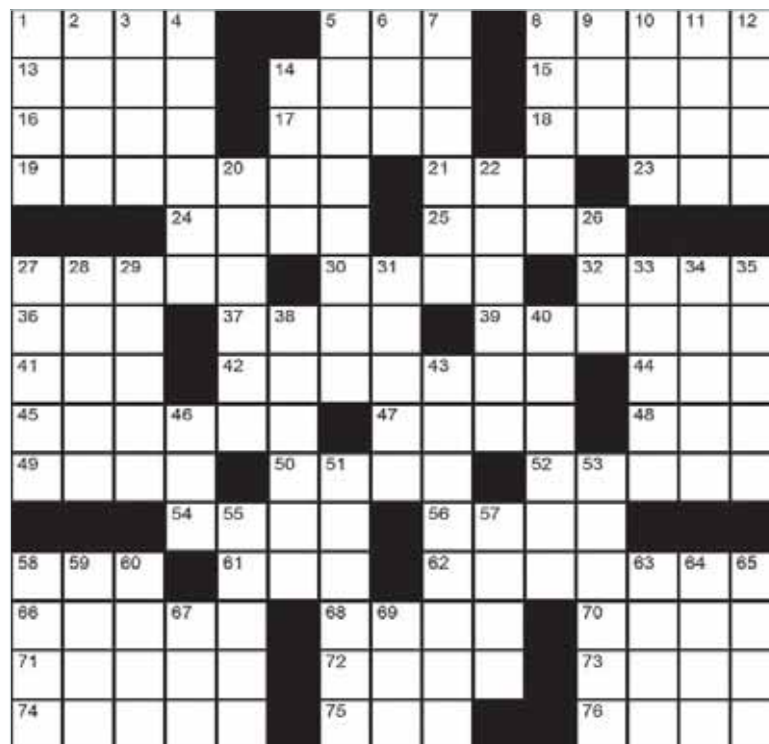
A friend will do something today that you find hard to understand. It may seem as if they are acting irresponsibly but you could also be expecting too much.

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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. Crack
5. Actor Matthew
8. The Apprenticeship of ___ Kravitz (1959 novel by #43-Down)
13. Commotion
14. "Dig a ___" by The Beatles
15. Gorge village of Southwestern Ontario
16. ___-doers
17. ___ Sea (body of water in Central Asia)
18. Type of vision correction surgery
19. French artist, Henri ___ (b.1869 - d.1954)
21. "___ la la!"
23. Mini-albums, for short
24. Hershey's product, for short
25. Jaunt
27. Lion ___ (Circus performer)
30. Each: 2 wds.
32. Authentic
36. Tip to 'maniac'
37. Bear in Space
39. Up more
41. Jeff Lynne's gr.
42. Gary ___ (NHL Commissioner)
44. 'Emp' ending
45. 1979 Nobel Peace Prize winner, Mother ___
47. Pros and whats?
48. Li'l digits
49. Shoe part
50. Comedian/ac-tor Jay



52. Linda of "Dynasty"
54. In ___ of (Re-placing)
56. Chop the veggies
58. Greece neighbor [abbr.]
61. Museum stuff
62. Competitor
66. Kingdom

68. Be without
70. Close by
71. Barbecue item, Shish ___ [var. sp.]
72. Unfortunately
73. River in Normandy
74. Timetables, slangly-spelled
75. Nintendo game

- console
76. We, in West-mount
- Down**
1. Bloom's balancer
2. ___ Scotia
3. Mine passage
4. OPP part
5. Weather outlook

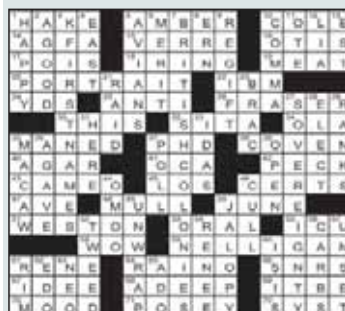
6. "Snakes ___ Plane" (2006): 2 wds.
7. Coldplay album: 'Mylo ___'
8. Capital of India, New ___
9. 'Spat' suffix (Pancakes flipper)
10. Doctor's amount

11. Mr. Boring
12. Shaggy creatures of Tibet
14. Ballroom dance, with Doble
20. Garden items
22. Sci-Fi series starring Regina-born actress Tatiana Mas-lany, "___ Black"
26. Clothesline clasp
27. Zipper bits
28. With much mer-ritment
29. Singer/actress Mandy
31. Quilt's one-of-some
33. Dinnerware (Popular wedding gift)
34. Wading*bird
35. Hair lock
38. Kitchen gadget to get the juice out
40. Bug
43. Author Richler
46. Kay's follower
51. Wanted Poster person
53. City in British Columbia
55. Poetic feet
57. Signs a contract, colloquially
58. Bible-style boats
59. Soup vegetable
60. Pig in the movies
63. Nestle treat
64. Mork's greeting, when doubled
65. Uno + dos = ?
67. Fellow
69. Actress Ms. Larter

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku



Weather

TODAY



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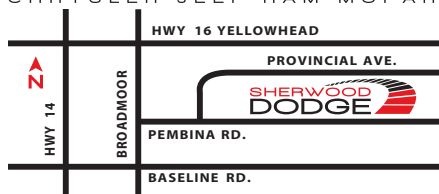


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